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MEMORIAL DAY 2024

HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE 'ULTIMATE SACRIFICE'



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis conducts a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday to honor the men and women of the U.S. Military who gave their lives in service to the nation.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

Hancock County honored its fallen heroes this extended Memorial Day weekend with multiple ceremonies in Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, Lakeshore and Kiln.

"Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the people who sacrificed their lives for us so that we can live the lives we have today," Hancock Chancery Clerk Tiffany Lee Cowman said Monday. "It is the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live free."

Cowman helped four local veterans organizations with their celebrations by donating life-sized statues of an

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Trooper hurt on Hwy. 90 expected to fully recover

Was hit by teen driver

ECHO STAFF

The Mississippi Highway Patrol officer injured in Hancock County Friday night is expected to make a full recovery, MHP Public Affairs Division Master Sgt. Cal Robertson said Monday.

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Officials welcome Pafford EMS to Hancock County

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, county and city officials officially welcomed Pafford EMS to Hancock County.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday approved an executed agreement to provide "life support and basic life support ambulance services" between Hancock County and Pafford EMS of Mississippi, Inc., effective May 24 at 4 p.m. for a period of four years.

At its May 13 meeting, the board discussed the potential agreements with its two bidders, Pafford EMS and Acadian Ambulance Services.

A copy of the executed



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Last week, county and city officials welcomed Pafford EMS to Hancock County.

agreement can be viewed at www.seacoastecho.com.

At the May 13 recessed meeting, District

5 Supervisor Bo Ladner made the motion to award the ambulance service contract to Pafford EMS, seconded by

District 2 Supervisor

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Bay Council considers redistricting plan

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The Bay St. Louis City Council last week temporarily tabled plans to redraw the city's ward lines to account for population changes.

At its regularly-scheduled meeting last week, the council tabled an ordinance adopting redistricting of ward boundaries.

The council heard from the

Gulf Coast Regional Planning Commission back in March that the city's population has grown and that the numbers of people living in each ward have shifted. In order to comply with the law, each ward should be as close as possible to having an equal amount of residents.

According to the figures GRPC supplied the council based on the latest census numbers, the Bay's Ward 1 has 1,666

residents; Ward 2, 1,471; Ward 3, 1,415; Ward 4, 1,750; Ward 5, 1,409; and Ward 6, 1,573.

"You divide by six (wards) and you get your ideal number (of residents per ward), which is 1,547, plus or minus five percent," Parker Berry of the law firm Butler Snow told councilmen at a March recessed meeting. "As you can see by district, all six wards have changed. The largest is Ward 4, which is

now 13.12 percent over. ... The smallest populated district is Ward 5, down 8.92 percent."

"Overall, we're looking at some options, what wards need to grow, what wards need to shrink, in order to be within that five percent variance," City Clerk Michael Reso said at the

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Today
85°

Low Temperature 70°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 69%

High Tide
03:22 pm @ 1.31 ft
Low Tide
03:58 am @ 0.13 ft



May 31
86°

Low Temperature 72°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 70%

High Tide
01:05 pm @ 1.12 ft
Low Tide
03:51 am @ 0.46 ft



June 1
85°

Low Temperature 76°F
89% Chance of Rain
Humidity 75%

High Tide
11:00 am @ 1.21 ft
Low Tide
01:08 am @ 0.69 ft



June 2
86°

Low Temperature 76°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 79%

High Tide
10:13 am @ 1.51 ft
Low Tide
08:49 pm @ 0.03 ft



June 3
86°

Low Temperature 78°F
87% Chance of Rain
Humidity 75%

High Tide
10:17 am @ 1.8 ft
Low Tide
09:22 pm @ -0.26 ft



June 4
86°

Low Temperature 77°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 74%

High Tide
10:43 am @ 2.07 ft
Low Tide
10:03 pm @ -0.46 ft



June 5
87°

Low Temperature 75°F
80% Chance of Rain
Humidity 77%

High Tide
11:19 am @ 2.23 ft
Low Tide
10:49 pm @ -0.52 ft



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Bay police officers honor fallen colleagues at national event in Washington, D.C.

ECHO STAFF

Bay St. Louis Police Chief Toby Schwartz, Officer of the Year Andrew Osbourn and Officer David Lovett last week represented the city at the National Police Week event in Washington, D.C.

“The Bay St. Louis Police Department would like to say thank you to our local American Legion Post 139, Blue Knights, and our city leaders for making possible our attendance at National Police Memorial Week 2024 in Washington D.C., where we paid our respects and honored the fallen

officers of our nation,” Schwartz said in a press release. “We were able to continue the tradition of placing memorial items recognizing our brothers, Sgt. Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.”

Schwartz said the Bay officers were able to attend the Concerns Of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) events as well as meet with some of our state representatives on Capitol Hill.

“At the weeks many events, our officers were able to witness speeches by President Joe Biden,

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Senator Steve Scalise (LA), Congressman Salud Carbajal (CA), Congressman Don Bacon (NE), Attorney General Merrick Garland, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Administrator Anne Milgram,” Schwartz said. “The visit to Capitol Hill was capped off by personal visits with Sen. Roger Wicker and Congressman Mike Ezell, who take special interest in Bay St. Louis and support law enforcement in our great state of Mississippi.”



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Officers of the Bay St. Louis Police Department last week traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Police Week event.

Hancock County Utility Authority gives update on projects

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Hancock County Utility Authority Executive Director David Pitalo gave an update on various projects.

The projects are made possible by grant funding from RESTORE funds, Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

“We’ve been fortunate over the years to put in for and get some grant funding,” he said.

The first project — Bayou Lacroix sewer collection system — Pitalo said 22 homes were hooked up to sewer collections.

The project cost \$1.5 million of RESTORE

Act funding. It was completed in 2023.

The second project invoked the western regional outfall relocation project.

“It was determined after doing more studies that the original outfall from the western plant needed to be relocated into a larger receiving stream,” Pitalo said.

The project cost \$3.2 million of RESTORE Act funding and the HCUA is awaiting final payment, he said.

The western regional outfall is the small wastewater treatment plant in Pearlington.

“It was going into a small bayou,” Pitalo said. “They did a mixing zone study and it wasn’t mixing like it should. So we re-ran a new line all

the way around to the Pearl River and have basically abandoned that old line.”

The third project is located in Waveland and is the Atlantic Street sewer collection system, which utilized \$2.6 million of GOMESA funding.

“We connected 87 homes,” he said. “We just received final payment yesterday, so that project, other than a little bit of paperwork, is completed as of May 2024.”

Pitalo also gave an update on ongoing HCUA projects.

The first — a \$10.6 million GOMESA funded project — is the Stennis Space Center wastewater connection.

“They’re wanting to get out of the wastewater treatment business,”

he said. “We’re running a line, seven-mile force main and two intermediate lift stations, that will bring the wastewater from Stennis to the northern plant.”

The project has gone through the design and bids phase and contracts are being finalized, he said. Construction is planned to begin in July.

The second ongoing project is a \$3 million ARPA funded project. Pitalo added that he is working with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for a \$1.5 million match.

It involves the installation of solar panels at all three wastewater treatment plants, Pitalo said.

“And I think this is going to be the first

wastewater treatment plant in the state of Mississippi with solar power,” he said. “We have gone through design, necessary paperwork, are finalizing contracts, and look to get started as well in July, with a completion date of about January 2025.”

Pitalo said the engineer estimates that the HCUA will save about 25 percent of the electric bill annually.

“Included in this project is a partnership with Coast Electric for an experimental battery system that will tie into our western plant,” Pitalo said. “These batteries will be charged by the sun all day. As the sun goes down, solar power goes away, but we’ve still got the batteries.

What the batteries are supposed to do is, whenever a motor comes on, they charge you by the initial start up of the motor, because the demand goes so high. This is going to levelize demand.”

This could also produce a potential for more energy savings, he said.

The third ongoing project involves the Oak Harbor subdivision in Pearlington, Pitalo said, a \$2.8 million GOMESA project.

“We’re working with utility services to transfer ownership to the Utility Authority on the water and wastewater certificates,” he said. “Once those are final-

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St. Clare Seafood Fest draws huge crowds, honors veterans and church leader

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

Friday marked the beginning of Memorial Day Weekend — the unofficial start of summer — and the St. Clare Seafood Festival marked its official return with a veterans remembrance ceremony, a tribute to fallen officers and a weekend full of live music, fresh Gulf seafood, carnival rides, games and — on Sunday — a heart-felt tribute to the church’s long-time leader, Father Jacob-Matthew Smith.

“The St. Clare Community, and all that know him, are saddened by the announcement that Fr. Jacob-Matthew Smith will be leaving at the end of June,” Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said. “A few of us got together and decided to honor him on Sunday evening at the Seafood Festival. As mayor of Waveland, and a member of St. Clare’s Finance Committee for the past 10 years, I declared Sunday, May 26, 2024, as Fr. Ja-

cob-Matthew Smith Day in the city of Waveland.

“Fr. Jacob-Matthew Smith came to St. Clare Catholic Church six and a half years ago at a time when mass attendance was decreasing. Under Fr. Jacob’s guidance, parishioners have returned. Under his leadership and guidance, many new programs including the Knights of Columbus have come into being. The painting of the church’s exterior, the planting of memorial trees, the Veterans monument at the flagpole, new shrubbery around the church, are just a few of the improvements Fr. Jacob has made to the outside of the church grounds.”

Trapani said Father Jacob’s influence has spread far beyond the confines of the St. Clare Church grounds.

“The entire community has been touched by Fr. Jacob in some way or another,” Trapani said. “We all wish him well in his retirement. My hope is that he realizes that his



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
The St. Clare Seafood Festival marked the official return of summer in Hancock County.

legacy of compassion, kindness, and faith will continue to inspire and lift us all for many years to come.”

Organizers say the St. Clare Seafood Festival is the parish’s biggest

fundraiser all year long, and it has become one of the city of Waveland’s signature events.

“The final numbers are not in, but St. Clare’s Seafood Festival was a success with crowds as large as past years, and

Sunday’s crowd probably the largest yet,” Trapani said. “The weather was perfect. No rain and a great breeze in the evening. Many, many people go into this event being an annual success, but John and Mary Ann

Pucheu, the Festival organizers, did another outstanding job putting this event on for the community.”

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Waveland talks code enforcement

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed construction code enforcement.

During aldermen’s comments, Ward 3 Alderman Shane LaFontaine said he’s received a number of calls about building issues, mostly related to silt fencing, rocks in driveways, culverts and the issuance of stop-work orders.

“Are those being enforced to everyone? In my riding around, I’ve seen a lot of them that don’t have these things that do not have stop-work orders and are actively being worked on,” he said. “I’m just wanting to open that up for discussion and see what is the actual code and if it’s something that hasn’t been enforced in the past. Instead of issuing stop-work orders, is there a way that we can possibly have a code update just like other cities have done in the past? If it wasn’t enforced prior and all of a sudden these people are getting stop-work orders, it’s coming out of the contractor’s pocket to do these things that was not bid on. Or it’s a homeowner doing it themselves, self-contracting it, that wasn’t figured in whenever they were turning their estimates in to banking and everybody else.”

Waveland building official Chris Carter addressed some of the issues, and said there is an ordinance in place of the “land disturbance” type.

“The Mississippi DOT has put out some stormwater regulations, ways to prevent stormwater runoff,” he said. “This ordinance has been in place for a whole lot longer than I’ve been here. I can’t answer about the previous enforcement. I’ve been in construction for 30 years, give or take. The silt fencing, the concept of keeping your dirt on your property, is probably the most elementary

part of building a house. What we’re dealing with, we don’t have enclosed storm drainage across most of the city. Contractor goes and builds a house, comes a rain, so you got bare mud and all that tracked out into the road. Our neighborhoods have to drive through mud because this one guy’s working on building a house over here. So, we put the rock pad down there to prohibit, theoretically, that dirt coming out into the street so our residents don’t have to drive through mud. Secondly, all that dirt, when it comes a big rain, is going somewhere, sheet erosion is what they call it. It rains, rains, rain, the mud’s going somewhere. Well, it goes to our ditches and those guys have to go around and they have to shovel out the ditches. That’s something that shouldn’t be happening. That’s a cost that’s being passed on to the city from the contractors.”

LaFontaine said, from the phone calls he’s received, this has not been enforced prior to Carter’s arrival at the city.

“So, now all of a sudden, if you walk out and do a stop-work order on these jobs, for something that contractors haven’t taken into place, because it hasn’t been enforced, where does that cost fall?” LaFontaine asked.

Carter said it falls on the contractor.

“Instead of giving them a time and saying ‘hey, as of this day, this is the code enforcement we’re changing that hasn’t been enforced in the past?’” LaFontaine said.

Carter said, “The short answer is, yes sir. Again, this is, in my opinion, of the most elementary concepts of construction. The big boys do it, all your commercial jobs, you won’t drive by a commercial job and not see fencing and containment for the sediment, soil runoff and all that.”

LaFontaine said, “whenever you say, ‘all the big boys do it’ so

your residential builders aren’t big boys? I don’t see it that way. I see it as if we’re going to start enforcing something that hasn’t been enforced in the past, we could have at least given the contractors or homeowner a notice of it.”

Carter said he would “do whatever you guys direct me to do.”

“I’m just giving you the reasoning behind the actions that I have taken,” he said. “We actually put a pamphlet in with the building permit package a month and a half, two months ago. So, any permit that’s been issued within a month and a half, two months, give or take, I’ve actually got a signed copy of that land disturbance instruction sheet from the contractor.”

Carter said he would be “glad” to pull the permits issued the past couple of months.

LaFontaine asked about the ones that don’t have silt fencing up and are actively building.

“I’m working my way through the town,” Carter said.

Carter said he’s issued about 15 stop work-orders.

Ward 2 Alderman Bobby Richardson said he knows of a lot of silt fencing that is not in place.

“I would like to see it handled it different, instead of shutting them down, tell them about the violation and give them a couple of days to have it fixed and then if it’s not to your standard, before that, you’re affecting families that’s expecting that check that week, and they didn’t get to work that rest of the week,” he said. “I’d rather see it handled where you can go out and give them a warning, before you do any other work, I want this silt fencing corrected before you do anything else.”

Carter said, “that’s actually what the stop-order says. You stop work other than getting this component fixed.”

Richardson asked if an inspection is required prior to bringing in dirt.

“It is now,” Carter said. “I have just instituted that. We will be issuing a land development permit and nothing else until all the erosion control issues have been

inspected by us.”

LaFontaine said he would like to see a start date issued concerning the enforcements.

Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said “pick a date.”

“I think it’s a good program and I think for a

month and a half they’ve been attaching this to their plans as they sign for their plans,” he said. “It’s been out there.”

He suggested the

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Stennis Day in the Bay rebranded Port Air Space Day, set for Nov. 9

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The Events Committee of Bay Saint Louis, Miss., together with Partners for Stennis & Michoud and the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission are proud to announce Port Air Space Day in the Bay. The event is set for Saturday, Nov. 9th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the grounds of the historic Hancock County Courthouse on Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

“This event will celebrate and recognize all the companies bringing STEM-related careers to Hancock County and all they do to create jobs and opportunities for Hancock County and the State of Mississippi,” said Events Chair Janice Guido of Bay Life Gifts at Century Hall. “We want to help give children the information they need to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, and math to grow the workforce right here at home,” she

said.

Features of this exciting event include the 2nd Annual Bud & Burgers Cooking Competition, hosted by the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Mitchell Distributing. There will also be interactive STEM exhibits from the tenants at Port Bienville, Stennis International Airport and NASA’s Stennis Space Center on display for adults and children. The inaugural event last year drew a crowd of

3,000 people and featured fascinating exhibits such as underwater drones, flight simulators, robotic games and even a portable planetarium! During Port Air Space Day in the Bay children of all ages will be able to meet face-to-face with people who work in STEM careers in Hancock County.

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board make a motion to set a date for enforcing the silt fencing. LaFontaine suggested giving contractors 30 days to put in their bids. Ward 1 Alderwoman Rhonda Aime-Gamble suggested that the permits that have been issued since Carter’s arrival should stand as they are. “They’ve already signed documents stating that they’re going to do all that prior to,” she said. “To give those people who are already on notice an additional 30 days, if we’re going to do something like that, it needs to be for those permits who did not receive

that paperwork prior to whenever it was that they started it. If they signed your (Carter) document, those people know what they have to do already.” LaFontaine said he would also at least like to have a meeting with the contractors and send correspondence alerting them to the new enforcements. Carter said he was told that “enforcement has been ongoing, but I don’t see evidence of it.” The board will invite the contractors to the June 13 workshop at 11 a.m. In other action: The board scheduled a public workshop for June 13 at 11 a.m. in the city boardroom at city hall to discuss stormwater management project

as required by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System program and also to discuss the community rating system. Trapani announced that the playground equipment at Elwood Bourgeois Park is open for use. The board ratified a proclamation issued by the mayor of the “Existence of a local emergency for the city of Waveland finding that there is a shortage of affordable housing creating a threat of safety, health, welfare, and peril to persons without shelter or living arrangements, which threats are exacerbated by the developing and pending need to condemn existing, occupied,

but uninhabitable dwellings (specifically in the ‘Gulf Grove’ and ‘Oak Park’ properties) in the city of Waveland, posing potentially, perilous health and safety living conditions within Waveland.” The board approved

a motion to replace the current draft of the city’s short-term rental ordinance that states a current cap of 150 short-term rentals that will be allowed to be permitted and to change the wording to read that it is five percent of the number

of habitable residential structures in the city of Waveland that will be monitored periodically by the enforcement office. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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Greg Shaw. The motion also authorized the county attorney in communication with County Administrator Jimmie Ladner and Hancock County EMA Director Brian Adam to finalize terms with Pafford EMS consistent with their recommendations. The motion passed unanimously. Adam on Thursday said, since the execution of the contract, Pafford has been preparing for the May 24 start date. Pafford has also been supplying the fire departments with medical supplies, he said, and there will be four ambulances stationed throughout the county along with a back-up ambulance. Daniel Cross with Pafford spoke to city and county leaders on Thursday about Pafford’s services, along with introducing Kyle Carter, the regional operations manager for the Gulf Coast region.

“I can’t tell you how happy we are to be here in Hancock County,” Cross said. “And it really means a lot to us that y’all have trusted us with the service to provide to your citizens in time of an emergency.” Cross said the main thing Pafford wants to commit to is “response times.” “Don’t fall in love with the number of ambulances you see, fall in love with your response times that you get,” he said. He added that if the company’s initial staging plan doesn’t work, they will reevaluate. Cross said they have also reached out to the local nursing homes to ensure they know the proper communication channels. He added that there are supervisors on the ground every day.

“We have a truck just north of here, what they call Post 58 Fire Station on 603,” he said. “Our supervisor will be here and all your fire department supplies will be here (Emergency Operations Center), located in a couple of buildings that Hootie has provided for us. We’ll have a truck in Bay St. Louis, we’ll have a truck in Diamondhead, we’ll have a truck in Waveland. Now as the call systems begin to happen and calls move out, the truck from Bay St. Louis can move over to the Waveland area. The truck from Bay St. Louis can move up into the northern area of the county. It rotates based on the calls that are here. If we deplete our resources, they’re coming over from the Gulfport side of things. On a given day, we’ll probably have on the Gulf Coast, 20-ish-plus trucks in service with more that we can send over if we need to.” In the Gulfport/Biloxi area with regards to response times, Cross said, “we’re inside of eight minutes on all the city stuff, our average is less than eight.” “That’s what we balance everything off of,” he said. “If you ever want to understand contract

stuff, forget it all, it all comes down to response times. It shouldn’t really matter the number of trucks, if you’re hitting your times, you’re doing what you’re supposed to do.” Every night at 3 a.m, Cross said, the raw data gets pushed out to Hancock County’s EOC staff. “It shows you the times from the previous day and it shows you what’s going on a current live time,” he said. Cross introduced Jared Thomas, Pafford’s deputy director of information technology. “One of the biggest things he’s done over the last ten days is let the communications center dance together,” he said. “The communications between here and our center, our radios. One of the cool things that you’ll have that you haven’t had the ability to do in the past, is you’ll be able to talk directly from the scene to our ambulance itself without going back through dispatch. So, if you have a fire crew on the scene of the wreck, they can talk directly to our ambulance instead of having our dispatch relay things.” Learn more at www.paffordms.com.



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Daniel Cross speaks about the services Pafford EMS offers.

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QUALITY TIME

Last Sunday was a most exciting day, despite the fact that I found myself driving to the New Orleans airport at 3 o'clock in the morning. It was for a good cause as we were picking up my sister, my four-legged niece Daisy, and one of my most favorite people, the nephew. They are being transferred from Alaska and will be stationed in Texas, now. I'm super excited they will be much closer now.

Prior to his arrival, the nephew had already asked to ride in my car with me, which of course, caused my little black heart to melt. He was quieter than usual in the car, as he had quite the journey flying here from Alaska. I took him to get some yummy doughnuts from District Donuts on Magazine Street. My mom and I discovered this place during my dad's tenure at Touro and it did not disappoint. I highly recommend.

He didn't want to stay long, as he was ready to get to Maw Maw and Paw Paw's house. He has been most anxious to see them. He was less talkative than usual, but he also had a very long day and night of travel. When we got home, he instantly tasked me with building Star Wars Lego sets. He is very into the series now. I've seen all the movies at least once, but I'm nowhere near as well versed in the characters as he is. I reached out to a friend who is a Star Wars aficionado for some help. Then, he wanted to introduce me to the show "Young Sheldon." Annie Potts is wonderful in the show, as she usually tends to be. And the nephew reminds me a lot of young Sheldon. I did keep dozing off, because I myself had only had an hour of sleep prior to making the drive to New Orleans. But have no fear, the nephew would scream my name in order to wake me from my slumber.

I'm so excited to have him back. He has grown in the past year and is now a fifth grader. And in his own words, "one step closer to college." During his awards ceremony in Alaska, he was named Student of the Quarter, and I'm just so proud of him.

I'm making plans for our nephew and Cass Cass days and he has requested we go see a movie together.

There's not really a lot for youngsters to do around town. But, he does enjoy visiting the Mockingbird Cafe and I hope we can fit in a visit to the Ground Zero Hurricane Museum in Waveland. He's heard many stories about the big storm that took so much from everyone and during a visit there he can learn so much more.

We only have two short weeks together, so I'm hoping to fit in as much quality time as possible. He will be coming back for a special event at the end of June, but that's a column for another day. Wish me luck, dear reader, as I try to cram as much Star Wars trivia in my head as possible so I don't lose any more "cool aunt" points.

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STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: CHATEAU SHERMAN

A beachfront castle in Pass Christian on Highway 90 has been a curious landmark for a century which is a residence with an interesting story. The building was built by a retired electrician, James M. Sherman, in the 1920's. A castle or chateau was designed by Sherman, and he and his assistant, McKinley Bradley, did much of the work. The duo constructed a circular tower and poured cement into molds. The blocks were laid out making the walls that were nine inches thick which survived several hurricanes. They called it "Chateau Sherman."

Sherman passed away in 1937 and in 1942 his daughter, Jessie Gundlach, moved into the residence. Jessie planted a beautiful lawn and gardens. She was an accomplished painter. In addition, she established Boy Scout Troop # 211. A spare room in Chateau

Sherman hosted numerous Boy Scout gatherings and activities. Jesse rode out Hurricane Camille in 1969 in Chateau Sherman. Unfortunately, there was extensive damage and flooding to the house. Nevertheless, Jesse restored the castle after cleanup. After changing ownership multiple times throughout the Twentieth Century, Chateau Sherman gradually fell into disrepair.

The building was designated as a Mississippi Landmark in 2008.

There are seven residences in Mississippi that are designed to look like castles. Some are recently constructed, while others have been around for many years. These buildings include: Pierce Castle (Decatur), Castle House (Morton), Monkey Island Castle (Jackson Zoo, Jackson), Castle of Raymond (Raymond), Liddon Castle (Corinth), and Walter

Place (Holly Springs).

A chateau is a castle, manor, or a large country house, especially in France. Historically, it describes the residence of the Lord of the Manor. It can be the country house of nobility or gentry, with or without fortifications.

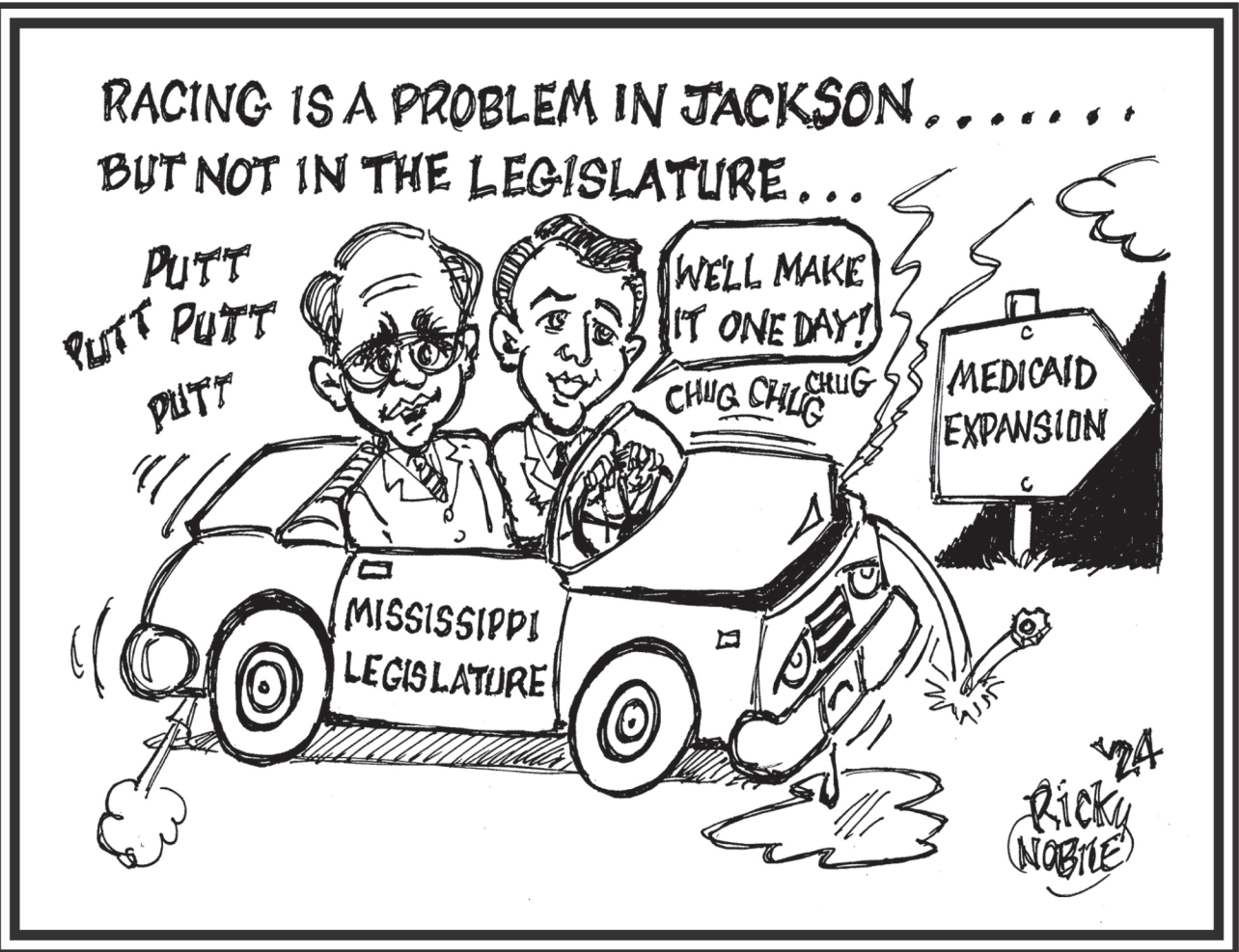
The phrase "to the manner born" is from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and means accustomed from birth or born with a talent, proclivity, or ability. There is a tendency to use the mistaken or punning form of another word, "manor," in the phrase "to the manor born" suggesting noble origins, rather than Shakespeare's intent, using the original word "manner." It was Hamlet who said "I am native here and to the manner born." An example of the correct usage of the phrase is demonstrated in the following sentence, "Helena entered the grand ballroom gracefully



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

ly and confidently, as if to the manner born."

Chateau Sherman is presently not occupied and owned by Richard W Loth who lives in Arizona. There is a beautiful model of Chateau Sherman on display at the Hancock County Historical Society in Bay St. Louis. The model was built by Clyde Koerner Sr. for display in our museum/library and visitors are welcome (Monday - Friday, 10:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-3:00PM).



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GUEST COLUMN BY BRUCE CAMPBELL

The far right of American politics likes to characterize any mainstream broadcast as "fake news." Well, it may not be "fake", but it's not always very straightforward either.

Printed news has dwindled and the days of broadcast news as news seem to be over. Ever since the networks - and others - discovered the profitability of news as entertainment, newscasts have been given largely to generalizations, stereotypes and sensationalism. "If it bleeds, it leads," as the saying goes. And the internet can be informative but many sources are notoriously unreliable.

Do you think that ev-

ery college student in America is an antisemitic pro-Hamas radical? Maybe not, but that's the impression one might get from the evening news, let alone the internet. There are nearly 6,000 colleges and universities in the U.S. How many has Lester Holt or David Muir shown us? There are about 18 million college students in this country. So far, about 2,900 people - not all students - have been arrested for their protest activities, most of which have been peaceful and orderly. Many of us criticized today's students for their disinterest in the world at large. Now we criticize them for their interest.

The narratives have been suspect as well. To oppose the indiscriminate killing of as many as 35,000 Palestinian civilian men, women

and children does not make one antisemitic or pro-Hamas. A few more enterprising news outlets have actually interviewed intelligent and articulate Jewish students who fully support Israel's right to defend itself - but are appalled at the Israeli Defense Force tactics.

The right-wing Israeli government of recent years has demonstrated a callous and well-documented disregard for the human rights of Palestinian civilians, both in Gaza and on the West Bank, where officials encourage radical Israeli settlers. The same settlers recently have been blocking aid convoys bound for Gaza, destroying the food they were carrying, and burning the vehicles, while police stood by and failed to intervene. Unfortunately, such incidents and the

current war tactics will likely only breed more hatred of Israel and more violent reactions. The IDF may eradicate this Hamas, but they may only be creating more murderous radicals from the homeless children of dead parents and the brothers and sisters of dead siblings.

Of course, President Biden is caught in the middle between moral outrage at the IDF tactics and traditional U.S. support for Israel. Some Democrats and many Republicans disparaged the president for threatening to withhold a shipment of heavy bombs from some of the 3.3 billion dollars' worth of arms we supply Israel annually (more than \$300 billion since its in-

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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from May 20 to May 28 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF

Dustin H. Miller, 36, disorderly conduct x 2; resisting/obstructing arrest; trespassing
Harley K. McDaniel, 20, shoplifting; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Hilda C. Lindley, 45, probation violation
Zachary S. Gray, 29, DUI; fleeing or eluding law enforcement officer in motor vehicle
Amanda H. Kirschenheuter, 45, felony possession of controlled substance
Kevin M. Billiot, 55, contempt of court failure to appear
Samantha B. Netto,

26, contempt failure to appear
Kyle J. Tanner, 26, possession of paraphernalia
Gary S. LaFontaine, 48, simple domestic violence simple assault; contempt of court failure to appear
Crystal M. Lago, 35, disturbance of family; contempt of court failure to appear
April T. Scafidi, 44, abusive calls to emergency telephone service; disorderly conduct
Steven P. Stinnett, 33, malicious mischief; stalking
Wesley E. Moran Jr., 40, probation violation
Ivaisha N. Jefferson, 20, burglary x 3; hold for other agency
James A. Schwartz, 55, burglary; receiving stolen property
Candace D. Stalter, 41, contempt of court

failure to appear
Carima T. Mustafa, 65, trespass
Jimmi R. Mejia, 18, no drivers license or expired; hold for ICE
Ana H. Da Silva, 35, child: contributing to delinquency/neglect of a child
Donna R. Peterson, 53, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; hold for other agency
Mindi L. Stiglet, 32, contempt of court failure to appear
Joby E. Smith, 21, DUI
Robert J. Suzio, 45, hold for other agency
Quentin S. James Jr., 22, burglary
Kiesten I. Davis, 21, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear
Norris D. Necaie, 47, contempt failure to appear

Rachon A. Cooper, 18, shoplifting
Leonard L. Brown Jr., 23, contempt of court failure to appear
Jesse A. Acker, 42, contempt of court failure to appear; disturbance of family
Randolph E. Lawrence Jr., 40, contempt of court
Terry L. Horne, 51, felony possession of controlled substance; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Ashley N. Putfark, 35, simple domestic violence simple assault
Blake R. Linder, 27, simple domestic violence simple assault
De’Anthony D. Green, 21, simple domestic violence simple

assault
Steven M. Mollohan, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Shauna M. Chauvin, 44, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Stephen J. Larocque Jr., 24, careless driving; DUI; no proof of liability insurance
Karen A. Ramagoz, 30, DUI
Michael J. Humphries, 44, DUI: refusal to submit to test; improper equipment
Casey C. Maples, 49, contempt of court failure to appear
Zachary J. Ohern, 29, DUI; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Cooper J. Carrico, 21, drunkenness in public place
Derek L. Lacoste, 30, DUI; careless driving; speeding
Alicia R. Fulton-Gardner, 40, abusive

calls to emergency telephone service; disorderly conduct; disturbing the peace; filing false police report; resisting/obstructing arrest
Blake J. Bourn, 21, controlled substance or counterfeit substance violations; contempt of court failure to appear; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance x 4; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)
Markus A. Davis Jr., 19, disorderly conduct; resisting/obstructing arrest
Jaxon M. Riddick, 23, disorderly conduct
Michael L. Bender, 47, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Destin L. Swanson, 24, contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher G. Haller, 27, hold for other agency

Woodmen Life Enhances Bay St. Louis with Donation of 50 American Flags

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Woodmen Life donated 50 American Flags to the City of Bay St. Louis as a gesture of support for veterans. The new flags will be displayed on the light poles on Highway 90 in the city. Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre remarked, “Our city deeply appreciates this generous donation. These flags honor our veterans and enhance our community’s beauty, creating a stronger sense of unity among residents and visitors to Bay St. Louis.”

Shawn Lizana, Re-

cruiting Sales Manager at WoodmenLife, emphasized the organization’s patriotism, stating, “WoodmenLife is deeply patriotic, and we are thrilled to illuminate our community with the stars and stripes.” Founded in 1890, WoodmenLife is driven by a dual mission: to safeguard American families from financial hardship and to actively contribute to our communities. As part of its community outreach, WoodmenLife presents U.S. flags to non-profit organizations, having distributed over 3.5 mil-

lion flags nationwide. This donation is particularly poignant as Memorial Day approaches when we honor our fallen heroes’ sacrifices. WoodmenLife’s local chapters, such as Chapter #1446 in Gulfport, are a testament to the organization’s unwavering commitment to fraternalism and community service. The sales representatives and members of Chapter #1446 are dedicated to presenting flags and providing essential financial services, including life insurance, retirement planning, and Medicare Supplements,



Photo submitted From left, Shawn Lizana and Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre.

showcasing the organization’s values in action.

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Some of the other agencies and organizations supporting the event include: INFINITY Science Center, the Hancock Library System, the Hancock County Historical Society, Pearl River Community Col-

lege, Northshore Community College, University of Southern Mississippi Coastal Operations, local military recruiters, and members of the VFW and American Legion. The Hancock County Historical Society will feature historic films, photographic collections, and speakers, such as local author Pat Murphy, to talk about the history of NASA’s Stennis Space

Center. Anyone with a product or service related to veteran programs and services, space, science, technology, engineering, or ocean exploration is invited to participate by reserving a booth. Local restaurants are also encouraged to feature special space or science-related drinks and menu items, and merchants are invited to decorate their stores and offer

special space or science-related products and promotions to welcome visitors during this exciting event. Registration for exhibitors and sponsors is open at www.partnersforstennis.org. Questions may be directed to the Hancock Chamber of Commerce at 228.467.9048.

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ception). But he is not the first president to do so (and he allowed other weapons to move through the approval process). Ronald Reagan, most notably, withheld arms shipments and threatened to curtail more during the Israeli attack on Lebanon. Several other presidents – mostly Republicans – also have done so. Finally,

there is Israeli premier Netanyahu’s unspoken motivation to ignore Biden’s entreaties: he would love to see a U.S. president who would support the right-wing Israeli extremists, and Biden is not that president. Biden’s predicament is exacerbated by the tendency of broadcast news to make it seem like the president is responsible for everything negative. Inflation? Not the aftermath of the pandemic or

greedflation by companies that saw an excuse to boost profits, but Biden’s fault? (And the main thing that has been keeping inflation problematic is the fact that consumers complain but keep laying out the cash and plastic. If people were really that constrained by inflation, they would quit spending so much on nonessentials. And judging from the latest figures, maybe they finally have.) High interest rates? That’s the Federal Reserve’s baili-

wick. And God help us if we ever have a president who would appoint only cronies and sycophants to the board, people who would make their decisions based on presidential politics rather than economics. Seven percent mortgages sounds pretty high when you’re used to three percent. But I remember refinancing to get down to 10 ¼ percent – on a VA mortgage! Generalizations make it seem as if everything silly or

suspect is right there in your face. But we need to look beyond the “culture wars” when we vote. How many transgender athletes are there really? When’s the last drag queen story hour you saw? How does an abortion in Iowa affect you personally? Did anyone make you read that book? How does immigration impact you negatively? Are these issues as widespread or earthshaking as Fox News – or the internet – would have you believe?



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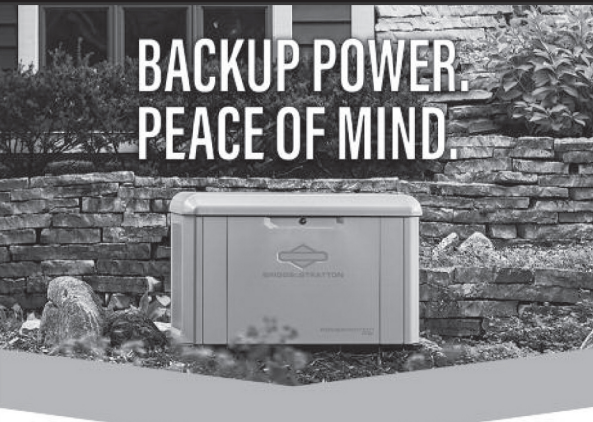
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Obituaries

CATHY BELEW MCGRAW

CLEO "LEE" HILL

Cathy Belew McGraw

Cathy Belew McGraw was born July 21, 1954, to Edna Record Belew and Marion Wendell Belew, Sr. of Mt. Vernon, KY, and passed away on May 23, 2024, at the age of 69 in Bay Saint Louis, MS.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Robert Luther (Bob) McGraw, Jr., mother-in-law, Jimmie Cooper McGraw; daughter, Abigail McGraw Hode; son-in-law, Brett Hode grandson; Michael Alexander Hode, stepdaughter; Theresa McCall McGraw Pauli stepdaughter-in-law; Lisa Pauli, sister; Belle Marcia Belew brother; Marion Wendell Belew, Jr.; niece Ellena Belew Sarnoff; nephew-in-law, Dylan Michael Gray; and nephews, Isaac

Belew Sarnoff, and Matthew Marion Belew.

Cathy attended Furman University, where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education, and later received a Master of Education from the University of Georgia specializing in Gifted Education. She spent 30 years teaching at various schools around Georgia, including Elberton, Buena Vista, and Rome.

Her love of nature was profound, and could be seen in her work as an elementary school science teacher, a naturalist at Bobby Brown State Park, sponsorship of Adopt-a-Stream projects, and local conservation efforts. She was dedicated to her family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.

Visitation will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Chris-



tian, MS on Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00 PM, with memorial services to follow at 2:00 PM. Graveside service to follow at Live Oak Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Side-By-Side Respite program of the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach, MS, or the St. Joseph Hospice Foundation of Gulfport, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Cathy Belew McGraw.

Cleo "Lee" Hill

Cleo "Lee" Hill, 77, of Lakeshore, Mississippi passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, May 19, 2024, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and unexpected visits from her grandkids. She also enjoyed drinking coffee, even though she would have to microwave it every thirty minutes, because she would let it get cold, playing rummy games late at night with family, and scrolling through Facebook.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Masin Hill, Jr. and her mother, Viola Domingue.

She is survived by her

sister, Linda Guillot (the late Roger) and her loving daughters, Julie Burdg (Joey), Lisa Graham (Richard), Trina Lizana (Joey) and Annette Lee (Anthony); nine grandchildren, Jessica Steele (Scott), Aaron Erskine, Shaun Ralph (Jennifer), Joseph Lizana (Marissa), Morgan McIntosh (Dalton), McCoy Lizana (Abby), Hannah Holliman (the late John), Cameryn Holliman (Hunter), and Masin Lizana; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces, Rayna Guillot and Dayna LeBoeuf (Norman); her life-long friend Sal Margiotta, devoted friend and companion Butch Shirley, and her beloved fur baby Ginger of 15 years.



She will be sadly missed by all who loved her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for family and 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for friends with a service to follow at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home: 110 S. Nicaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

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ized, we will begin working with the Pearlinton Water and Sewer District on the operations of maintenance of both water and wastewater systems.”

The GOMESA funding will be utilized to replace the sewer collection system, he said, which will eliminate the need for the small treatment plant in Oak Harbor.

“We’ll go through the demolition process and get rid of that and everything will be sent to our western regional plant from there,” he said. “We’re also working with our state representatives and local political officials to receive funding to elevate, improve, and connect the well that is in Oak Harbor to the Pearlinton water distribution system to include it as a backup, which will be huge because we haven’t had a back up out there since we put in the system.”

Pitalo added that this will add about 60 more customers to Pearlington.

The HCUA is in the process of advertising for engineering services for the project, he said, and as soon as the transfer of ownership occurs, the design phase and legal work will begin.

Lastly, Pitalo also described two future projects, which the HCUA will be receiving funding for.

The first is the Bay St. Louis lift station, near Hollywood Casino, he said, which he said has long been in need of upgrading.

That project will utilize \$1.25 million of RESTORE Act funding.

The second is \$3.1 million in RESTORE Act funding for a sewer collection system in the Springwood subdivision, which will connect about 65 homes to the sewer collection system,

with an estimated completion date near the end of 2026.

Pitalo said RESTORE Act funding for the future projects will not be released until after July 1 of this year.

“We do continue to look for other funding sources and we’re always trying to find monies for water projects,” Pitalo said. “The Utility Authority has had a goal, since the beginning when I started 17 years ago, and that was to try and sewer everything south of I-10. The Oak Harbor and now the Springwood sewer collection systems will be the final areas to accomplish that goal. Now, I’m not gonna say that we don’t have a small area here or there that don’t have it, but I would say, 98 to 99 percent of the area south of I-10 is completed and very much north of I-10 to Firetower Road. So, we have eliminated the majority of any type of wastewater or sewer going into any of our rivers or streams or bays that would negatively affect the fisheries. That, to me, is a huge accomplishment.”

Hancock County Utility Authority’s board members include: Hancock County District 4 Supervisor Scotty Adam; Patricia Cuevas with the Kiln Utility and Fire District; Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani; Nolan Pansano with the Pearlinton Water and Sewer District; Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre; and Farron Hoda with the Hancock County Water and Sewer District.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the city of Bay St. Louis’ board room, located at 598 Main St.

Learn more at www.hcuu.ms.gov and through Facebook at Hancock County Utility Authority.

Learn more about the RESTORE Act at www.restorethegulf.gov/history/about-restore-act.

Learn more about GOMESA at www.dmr.ms.gov/gomesa/

32nd Annual Citizens for Space Exploration DC Fly



Photo courtesy of Hancock Chmaber
This week members of Partners met with 13 Congressional officials from Mississippi and Louisiana advocating for support of the NASA budget—only 1/2 of a penny for every dollar spent on the national budget

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American serviceman, one each to American Legion Post 139 and VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis; one to VFW Post 6285 in Kiln; and one to VFW Post 4808 in Lakeshore.

“Any time somebody loses a family member, there are no words, there are no actions you can possibly do to make it right,” Cowman said. “Any action you can do — it’s the only thing I can do on behalf of my family. ... My grandfather and great-grandfather were veterans. I have a history of veterans in my family, so it means a lot to me and had the opportunity to purchase and donate the statues, so I did.”

Remembrances

Local organizations celebrated a host of remembrances from Friday through Monday.

On Friday, St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland opened its annual Seafood Fest with a ceremony honoring veterans and fallen law enforcement officers.

VFW Post 2880 in Diamondhead hosted a Memorial Day ceremony on Saturday with speaker Major Gen. William Whitlow (Ret.) of the U.S. Marine Corps and a reading of more than 345 names on the Diamondhead Veteran Memorial List.

On Sunday, Hollywood Casino hosted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony, featuring a salute from VFW Post 4808’s Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard was busy again on Monday, helping American Legion Post 139 at two ceremonies, one at St. Mary’s Cemetery, where Legion Post-namesake Clement R. Bontemps is buried, and another at the post home on Green Meadow Road.

Post 139 Cmdr. Rick Stinson said we honor our fallen veterans because “Their sacrifice ensured the freedoms we enjoy today.”

The Honor Guard then quickly made it back to Lakeshore for a ceremony at their post. VFW Post 4808 also honored the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Kiln VFW Post 6285 also hosted a ceremony on Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY's
Monthly Board Meeting will be held on
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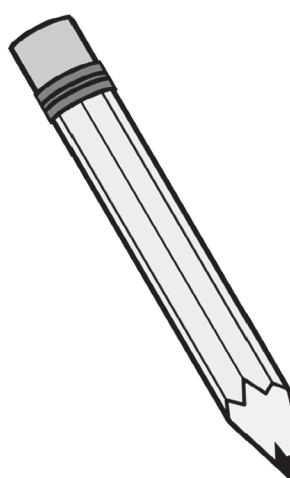
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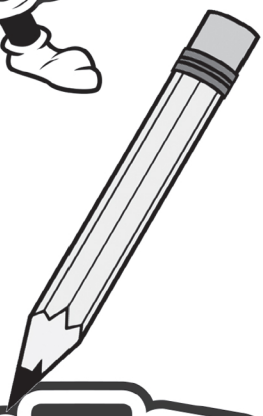


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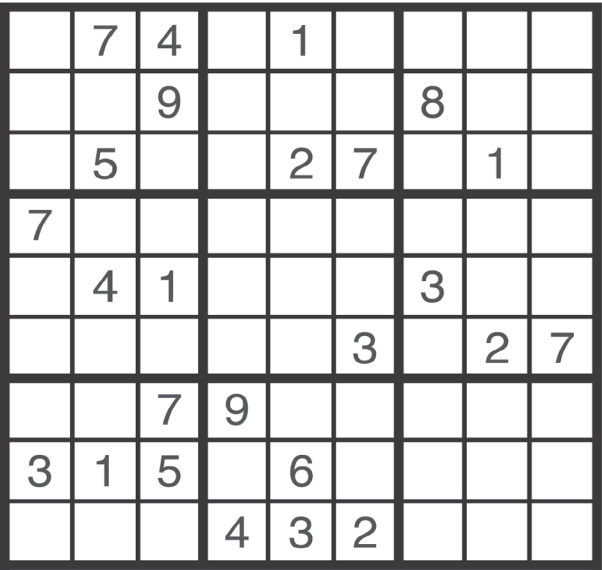
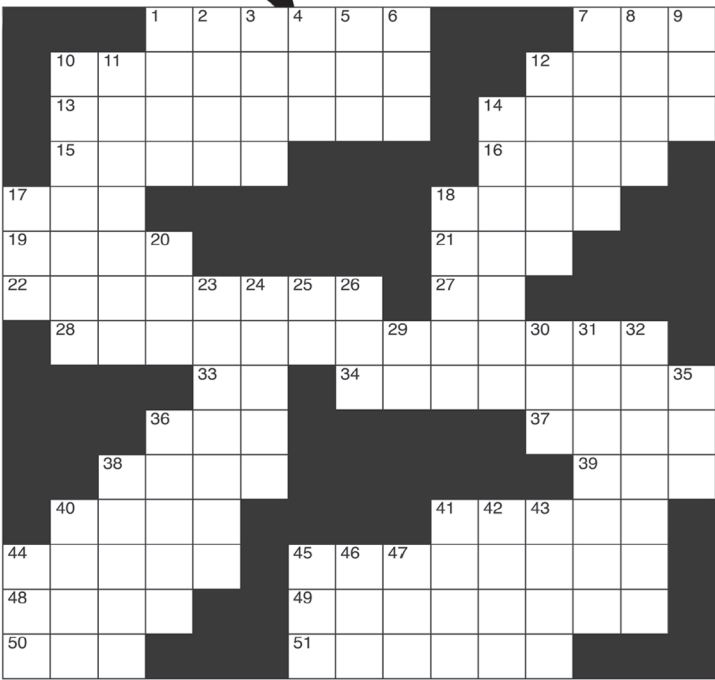
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17. Engine additive

18. Nasal mucus

19. Fit a horse with footwear

21. Consumed

22. Settle

27. Larry and Curly’s pal

28. Basketball's GOAT
33. Exclamation of surprise

34. Made tight

36. Before

37. Actor Nicolas

38. Not hot

39. Talk

40. Pledge

41. Abandon a mission

44. Trims by cutting

45. Aspects of one’s character

48. Boxing GOAT’s former surname

49. Holy places

50. Body art (slang)

51. Attributes

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1. How one feels

2. American Nat’l Standards Institute

3. Information

4. Licensed for Wall Street

5. Keyboard key

6. Born of

7. Choose to represent

8. Small European freshwater fish

9. Everyone has their own

10. Line from the center of a polygon

11. Lebanese city

12. Type of watercraft

14. A way to twist

17. Soviet Socialist Republic

18. Greek island

20. Medical practitioner

23. __ DeGaulle, French President

24. Partner to “oohed”
25. Atomic #52

26. Santa’s helper

29. Rapper __ Rule

30. Month

31. Word formed by rearranging letters

32. Nullifies

35. Young woman ready to enter society

36. Unemployment

38. Weight unit

40. Formal party

41. Computer language

42. Residue formula in math

43. Duty or responsibility

44. Part of (abbr.)

45. Time zone

46. Body part

47. Nucleic acid

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS THE CHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR GOLD?

2. IN WHAT YEAR WAS THE FIRST iPhone RELEASED?

3. WHAT IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT IN HUMMUS?

4. WHO PAINTED "THE SCREAM"?

5. WHO IS THE MOST DECORATED OLYMPIAN OF ALL TIME?

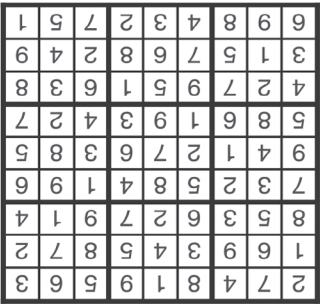
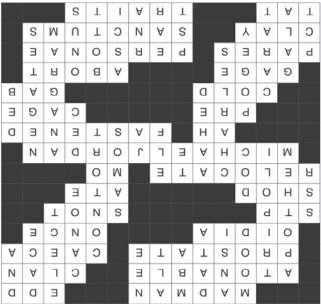
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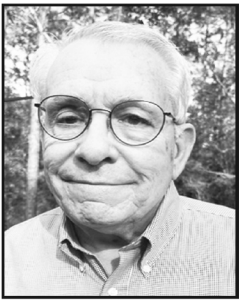
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Devotional Page

Coping with Depression

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

A recent reading of the novel, “Biloxi”, by Mary Miller provided an opportunity for reflection on the subject of mental health in the context of living our lives. The setting is the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. The main character is a recently retired, and recently divorced

man who has an adult daughter, a young grandchild, and a son-in-law. Although the word is not explicitly employed, the story revolves around the depression that the man is experiencing as he attempts to navigate his place in life.. He no longer has a significant professional position. He does not have anyone who cares what he thinks or says. What little hope he has, comes from an anticipated inheritance which is very uncertain, both as to its amount and its actual reality. He drinks too much, and to complicate matters further, he tries to find solace by becoming involved with a series of women which brings its own kind of trouble. In short,

the man is a text book example of a person mired in deep depression. Sadly, such experiences represent a reality in large numbers of people in our culture. Sometimes this condition is of a clinical nature. That is to say that it emerges due to biological and/or chemical imbalances within the body. It may also come from a situational source. It can be brought about by grief or other emotional circumstances which may impact the well-being of a person. There are medical therapies which can help relieve depressive symptoms. It is certainly helpful to have personal support from a family member, friend, or therapist. Spiritual

faith and practice can also be effective. When we are dealing with overwhelming challenges in life, there can be comfort and strength in looking beyond ourselves for hope. Best outcomes are most likely when all of these are combined in a concentrated effort to address depressive issues. There is no magic trick or “silver bullet” which will solve the problem. We are surely not promised a particular outcome or resolution. What we can do is seek the tools and professional expertise to assist in arriving at a better place in life. These can be a source of strength and hope when our paths lead us into dark valleys. Depression is very real. It can

be, and often is, an authentic barrier to a life that is well lived. It is critical to know that hope and faith are also real. Therapeutic and spiritual wisdom can work together to bring healing, wholeness, and new life to those who struggle. It involves work, and sometimes, setbacks, but help is in sight for those who are willing to address it. I am thankful to Mary Miller for providing us with such an insightful novel. It does not preach to us, nor even propose shallow remedies. It simply sets the stage, and then it allows the story to unfold in its own way. That is a mark of excellent writing.























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Bay Seventh Day Adventist Church
106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis
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Kiln-Cutoff Rd.
Waveland
Pastor David Rush
255-1286
Sun. Service 10 a.m.
Wed. night worship 7 p.m

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Faith Assembly of God
Hwy 43 | Kiln 255-2567
First Assembly of God
1912 Arnold St., Waveland
467-7667

BAPTIST

Bayou Talla Fellowship
18555 Hwy 43 Kiln
255-1118
Bayside Baptist
7547 Hancock Dr.
Bayside Park | 467-0500
Emmanuel Baptist
2241 Longfellow Rd. | BSL
467-2186
emmanuelbaptistsbsl.org

Catahoula Missionary Baptist Church
22140 Hwy. 43 South,
Hancock Co.

First Baptist
141 Main St. | Bay St. Louis
467-4005

First Baptist of DeLisle
25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd
Pass Christian 255-6550

First Baptist Church
Franklin & Hancock St.
Pearlington | 533-6030

First Missionary Baptist
Sycamore St. | Bay St. Louis

First Southern Baptist
Pearlington
533-7313

Grace Chapel
9208 Edwin Ladner Rd
Pass Christian 255-3255

Jacob's Well
29554 Vic Faye
Pass Christian 255-2555
Worship Sunday at
9 & 11 a.m. , Sunday School/
Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Kittiwake Baptist Church
1410 East 2nd St.
Pass Christian | 452-4198

Lakeshore Baptist Church
6028 Lakeshore Rd.
Lakeshore | 469-0110

Little Providence Baptist Church
21150 Hwy. 43
S. Catahoula
255-2089
littleprovidence.org
Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.;
morning worship, 10 a.m.

Little Zion Baptist
510 Central Ave. | Waveland

Macedonia Baptist
400 Morris St. | Waveland

Morning Star Baptist
Sycamore & Watts
Bay St. Louis | 466-4849

Mt. Chapel Baptist
721 Herlihy St. | Waveland
466-9829

New Hope Missionary Baptist
Whites Rd. | Pearlington

New Life Baptist Church
6109 Road 312 , Kiln
Sunday Services:
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m.

Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Services:
Bible study and prayers at
5:30 p.m.
Pastor Robert Newell - 228-
216-9492.

New Life Missionary Baptist Church
106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis | 467-6871

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church
5078 Hwy 90 W.
Bay St. Louis
Paul Burdic, pastor
228-344-3109
Worship: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
& 10:30am or 6pm Sunday

The Old Way By Grace Independent Baptist Church
6166 West Kemper Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Pastor Gordon Howard
243-0617

Shoreline Park Baptist
Waveland-Kiln Cut-off Rd.
Bay St. Louis | 467-9461

Victory Baptist
Hwy 603 | Kiln 255-1353

West Bay Community Church
100 Jeff Davis Avenue
Waveland
www.westbaycc.org

CATHOLIC

Annunciation Catholic
Kiln-DeLisle Rd. Kiln
255-1800

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
9062 Kiln Delisle Rd.,
Pass Christian.

Daily mass -- 8 a.m. Monday-Friday; held in the chapel
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6 p.m.—held in the church •
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Our Lady of the Gulf
228 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis | 467-6509

Sacred Heart Catholic
14595 Vidalia Rd.
Pass Christian | 255-7453 or
255-7560

St. Ann Catholic
Clermont Harbor
Bay St. Louis | 467-5128

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St. Joseph Catholic
Hwy 604 Pearlington
467-5128

St. Rose de Lima
301 S. Necaise | Bay St. Louis
467-7347

St. Matthew The Apostle
27074 St. Matthew
Church Rd.
White Cypress, Perkinston
255-7720

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pearlington Christian Church
Corner of Whites Road and
Kellar Pearlington
222-7226
Services:
10a.m. Sun. &
6p.m. Wed

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
The Garden
1807 Waveland Ave.
Waveland, services
Sun., 10:30 | 228-671-0332.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ
501 Pine | Bay St. Louis
467-9645

Church of Christ
17040 Cedar Dr., Pearlington
Minister Darrell Lanford
342-8030

CHURCH OF GOD

Bread of Life
2290 Kiln-DeLisle
Services 10 a.m. Sunday

House of Prayer Church of God
530 St. John St., Bay St. Louis
Services: 11 a.m.
& 6 p.m. on Sun.,
7 p.m. on Wed. | 297-1886

Amazing Love Ministry Center
13296 Vidalia Rd
Pass Christian | 297-2143

EPISCOPAL

Christ Episcopal
912 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis 467-7757

St. Thomas Episcopal
5303 Diamondhead Cr.
Diamondhead 255-9213

Trinity Episcopal
Church St., Pass Christian

LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Pines
309 Hwy 90, Waveland
467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

METHODIST

Clermont Harbor United Methodist
Ioor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church
5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann
Williamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
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& devotion • Tuesday: 6 pm
Bible Study

First United Methodist
526 E. Second St.
Pass Christian

Greater Mt. Zion
African Methodist Episcopal
16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

Holmes Chapel United Methodist
Hwy 604 | Pearlington

Main Street United Methodist
162 Main St., Bay St. Louis
467-4538

New Life Methodist Church
A Global Methodist
Community
Pastor Lee Ann Williamson

816-769-2060

Pearlington United Methodist
5210 Levee Ave., Pearlington

St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal
741 Dufour Road
Waveland | 864-4739

St. Rock United Methodist Church
301 Herlihy Street
Waveland | 466-9185

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248 Sycamore St.
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Waveland United Methodist
Vacation Ln., Waveland
467-8047 | Service: 10 a.m.
Rev. T. Manuel Johnson,
Pastor

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
McLaurin Ave. Waveland
467-5009

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Pass Christian
452-0038 | bfc4u.org

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235 Old Spanish Trail,
Waveland | 467-3924
Pastor Frank Kendrick

Church of the Joshua Generation
27492 West Dubuissou Rd.
Pass Christian

Church Of The Living God Resurrection
1011 Maple Street
Waveland, MS 39576
466-5024

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
6166 W. Kemper
Bayside Park

Central Bible Church
2002 Hwy 90 W
Bay St. Louis | 467-0529

Power House of Deliverance
1978 Washington
Bay St. Louis | 466-3841

Power of Prayer Praise & Worship Center
9012 Pine Dr. Waveland
467-7314

Revive My People Church
5224 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis

Southern Outreach Ministries
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 11
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship service, 11
a.m.; Bible study, Wed., 7p.m.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God and Christ
456 Easterbrook
Bay St. Louis | 466-4951

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship
1399 Old Spanish Trail
Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church
106 Turner Street
Bay St. Louis
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor Robert Gales
493-9944

PENTECOSTAL

First United Pentecostal
Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
467-3575

Healing Hearts Church
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 12,
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Sun. evening service, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church
4404 Leisure Time Dr.
Diamondhead | 216-4105
Sunday,10 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN

Diamondhead Community Church
Diamondhead Circle
255-5556
Christian Education, 9am
Sunday Worship, 10am
Rev. Jason Edwards
dhcommunitychurch.org
Old Town Presbyterian (USA)
114 Ulman Ave.,
256-443-4100
Sun. service, 10 a.m.,
• Rev. Richard T. Gillespie

Long Beach Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
125 East 2nd Street
Long Beach
Rev. Dr. Dwight Ramsey,
Pastor
228-863-7633
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Bids will be received until 3:00pm, Monday, June 17th, 2024, in the Hancock County School District office, for the leasing of the following 16th Section lands for Hunting & Fishing purposes:

Section 16-8S-15W (640 acres)
Parcel# 125-0-16-001.000

You are hereby notified that

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.ccellcplans.us
www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required)

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. If you have any questions regarding website registration and online orders,

sealed bids to lease the above described parcels for Hunting & Fishing purposes, will be for a term of 5 years with a minimum bid of \$9.50 per acre.

Specifications may be obtained in the Office of the Superintendent, Hancock County School District, 18375 Highway 603, Kiln, Mississippi 39556 or by calling (228) 255-0376.

Place your bid in a sealed envelope and mark, Hunting & Fishing Bid, Section# and Acreage on the outside of the envelope to distinguish the difference. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

Rhett Ladner, Superintendent
Hancock County School District

Publishing Dates:

Thursday, May 30th, 2024
Thursday, June 6th, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
AHULI DRAINAGE PROJECT
BID No. 2024-007
General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Ahuli Drainage Project
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, pipe removal and replacement, excavation of existing ditches, riprap erosion protection, roadway and vegetative restoration.
The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.ccellcplans.us
www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required)

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please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly Ahuli Drainage Project and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his/her Name, Address, and Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Covington Civil & Environmental, Sarah McLellan, P.E. 228-396-0486 or email sarah@ccellc.us. All questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing and must be received by the end of business 5:00 p.m. local time June 20, 2024. Questions submitted after this date will not be considered. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal. Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project has not been scheduled at this time; however, if a pre-bid conference is scheduled, all plan holders will be notified by addendum. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met. The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

The project is funded by ARPA/MCWI and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 5/30/2024 & 6/6/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ANNE K. MAHAFFEY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00270-CB

JANICE LISKO, PETITIONER

EXECUTRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of May, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Anne K. Mahaffey, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 30th day of May, 2024.

s/JANICE LISKO

PUBLISH: May 30, 2024, June 6, 2024, and June 13, 2024

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2002, Arthur A. Paulk and Becky S. Paulk executed a Deed of Trust to William F. Dukes, Trustee for the benefit of Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, which is recorded in Book 728 at Page 550 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, U.S. Small Business Administration, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorneys fees, Substituted Trustees fees, and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on June 27, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lot 18, Corr Contracting Company Subdivision, Phase 1, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM
PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE,
this the 21st day of May, 2024.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson
Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)
UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM
PLLC
P.O. Box 1874
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: (601) 981-7773
File No. 24040154
PUBLISH: Sea Coast Echo: (05/30/2024, 06/06/2024, 06/13/2024, 06/20/2024)

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST
FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AUDITING SERVICES
HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY
AUTHORITY

The Hancock County Utility Authority requests proposals from qualified Professional Auditing / Accounting Firms for financial auditing services to the Hancock County Utility Authority for three (3) one year engagements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024, September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026. The Utility Authority is seeking an independent auditor to be approved for each one year term; the intention is that the same audit firm be engaged for each of the aforementioned years, providing satisfactory performance is maintained. It should be understood this intention is not binding on future Utility Authority Boards of Directors. Selection will be based upon the following review process as outlined in the guidelines. The evaluation criteria will be based on demonstrated competence in the following areas: Qualification and Familiarity with the Work (40); Experience with Similar Projects (20); Technical Competence (20); and Capacity for Performance (20).

Firm will be evaluated based upon the above criteria within 45 days of RFQ openings. At such time, the highest scoring firm is selected, contract negotiations will be held to determine compensation that is fair and reasonable based on a clear understanding of the project scope, complexity, professional nature, and the estimated value of the services to be rendered. In the event that a contract cannot be negotiated with the most highly qualified firm, negotiations continue in order of qualifications.

Sealed proposals should be marked on the outside of the envelope Audit Services Hancock County Utility Authority and must include one (1) original and six (6) copies. A single copy of the current rate schedule for professional services should also be included and

placed in a separate sealed envelope marked Current Rate Sheet (Note: these rates will not be used as part of the selection process but will be included in the contract for services). Each proposal submitted must follow the guidelines. Please contact the office of the Hancock County Utility Authority at 228-467-3702 or by email davidphcua@bellsouth.net for any questions. The proposal should be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 27, 2024 to: Hancock County Utility Authority, David C. Pitalo, Executive Director, 401 Gulf-side Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

The Hancock County Utility Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFQ at any time without prior notice, and to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive informalities.

Executive Director
David C. Pitalo
Publish: 05/30/24 & 06/06/24

Section 901 - ADVERTISE-
MENT

Hancock County, Mississippi
Federal Aid Project No. STP-0101-00(154)LPA /108785-701000

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Hancock County, Mississippi, will receive bids for the construction of the leveling and overlay of Lakeshore Road from Lower Bay Road to North of the CSX Railroad Crossing in Hancock County, Mississippi for a distance of approximately 1.1 miles, Federal Aid Project No. STP-0101-00(154)LPA / 108785-701000 no later than 10:00 am local time, July 1, 2024, at 854 Highway 90, Suite B, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items: Overlay of approximately 1.1 miles of Lakeshore Road from Lower Bay Road to North of the CSX Railroad. The scope will also include base repair and stripping.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to herein. The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Hancock County, Mississippi, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and womens business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

1. Hancock County Board of Supervisors office, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
2. Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, upon payment of \$60.00 for each set, which will not be refunded. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidders Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the County. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the Chancery Clerk, 854 Highway 90, Suite B, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, prior to the hour and date above designated. No Stripped bids will be accepted.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017, together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Sub-section 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

PUBLISH: May 30, 2024 and June 6, 2024
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY
Scotty Adam, President
Board of Supervisors, Hancock County

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BRENDA MIZE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00176-JS

KENNETH J. MADDIE, PETITIONER
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of April, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Brenda Mize, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 16th day of May, 2024.

s/KENNETH J. MADDIE

PUBLISH: May 16, 2024, May 23, 2024, and May 30, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III
PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 24-192-CB

EDWARD D. DELUCA; ALL
HEIRS OF EDWARD D. DELUCA; JACQUELINE D. NECAISE; ALL HEIRS OF JACQUELINE D. NECAISE; RITCHEY LAND COMPANY, LLC; RITCHEY, INC; LONG LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2017 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 69 BLK 12 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE #2 UNIT #4A AA-27-621 PARCEL NO.: 067E-2-26-053.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: EDWARD D. DELUCA; ALL HEIRS OF EDWARD D. DELUCA; JACQUELINE D. NECAISE; ALL HEIRS OF JACQUELINE D. NECAISE; RITCHEY LAND COMPANY, LLC; RITCHEY, INC; LONG LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2017 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 69 BLK 12 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE #2 UNIT #4A AA-27-621 PARCEL NO.: 067E-2-26-053.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

NOTICE

This is a suit by CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III, to quiet and confirm forfeited tax land patent and for other relief to that certain property legally described as:

69 BLK 12 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE #2 UNIT #4A AA-27-621 PARCEL NO.: 067E-2-26-053.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Plaintiff, Cemore Michael Abney III, obtained his interest in the subject property by virtue of that STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT NO. 92760, dated June 9, 2021, and recorded on July 8, 2021, in Deed Book 2021 at Pages 10830 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Supplemental Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Forfeited Tax Land Patent For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. Skip Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 300 Davis Ave, Suite 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

FROM THURSDAY, THE 30th day of May 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Ste. A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

ISSUE DATE: 5/23/2024
BY: BRIDGETTE LADNER
DEPUTY CLERK

Publish Three (3) times:
05/30/2024, 06/06/2024,
06/13/2024

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS on May 12, 2021, Charles Bernard Bates, Jr. executed a Deed of Trust in favor of James A. Stockstill, Beneficiary, and Byron J. Stockstill, Trustee, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 13, 2021 in the records of mortgages and deeds of trust in book number 2021 at page 16128 in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Hancock County, Mississippi with respect to real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi particularly described herein below; and WHEREAS, the The Estate of James Alan Stockstill, deceased, the present owner and holder of the above-described Deed of Trust, has heretofore substituted

William P. Wessler as Trustee by instrument dated May 1, 2024 and recorded in said Chancery Clerks office on May 3, 2024 in book 2024 at pages 9431-9432; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of

Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in

accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, The Estate of James Alan Stockstill, the legal

holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to

execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed

of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorneys fees,

Trustees fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Wessler, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust

will on THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal

hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the main front door of the Hancock County courthouse located at 152 Main Street , Bay St. Louis, Mississippi to the highest and best bidder for cash the real property and improvements being situated in Hancock County,

Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 7, Jourdan Bluff estates as per plat or map thereof on file in Plat Book 7, page 30, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; said parcel contains 3.3 acres, more or less.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this the 6th day of May, 2024.

/s/ William P. Wessler
WILLIAM P. WESSLER
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
1624 24th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501
228-863-3686
MSB # 7110

*Publish 3 Thursdays; May 16, 23 and 30, 2024 in the Sea Coast Echo.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
EAST ALOHA DRIVE AND
VETERANS DRIVE (SUBSTATION) DRAINAGE PROJECT
BID No. 2024-010

General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
East Aloha Drive and Veterans Drive (Substation) Drainage Project
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Friday, June 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, excavation and grading of existing ditches, riprapping of improved ditch,

asphalt removal and paving, and removal and construction of concrete curb, gutter, and flume.

The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner. Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.ccellcplans.us
www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required)

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. If you have any questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly East Aloha Drive and Veterans Drive (Substation) Drainage Project and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his/her Name, Address, and Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Covington Civil & Environmental, Sarah McLellan, P.E. 228-396-0486 or email sarah@ccellc.us. All questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing and must be received by the end of business 5:00 p.m. local time June 20, 2024. Questions submitted after this date will not be considered. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project has not been scheduled at this time; however, if a pre-bid conference is scheduled, all plan holders will be notified by addendum. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

The project is funded by ARPA/MCWI and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued

by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 5/30/2024 & 6/6/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF GENE MIKOVILJE,
DECEASED

DALE MIKOVILJE, PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00600-JS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Gene Mikovilje, deceased whose

place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner

after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Dale Mikovilje, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Gene Mikovilje, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Gene Mikovilje.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of July, 2024, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi (1801 23rd Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501), and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 22nd day of May, 2024.

Tiffany Cowman,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk

s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.

Publication Dates: May 30, 2024, June 6, 2024 and June 13, 2024

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE: Bidders

Sealed Bids will be received by the HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS at 854 HIGHWAY 90, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 until 10:00 A.M., on Monday, July 1, 2024, and shortly thereafter opened and read for: HANCOCK COUNTY ARENA DEVELOPMENT
Project Manuals may be examined at the HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 854 HIGHWAY 90, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS, at the office of the Design Engineer, Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis, or online at www.neel-schafferplans.com. The bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Returned documents are not required. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for online registration. For information regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193. For information regarding this project, contact Neel-Schaffers office at 228-467-2770 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Sealed paper bids may be submitted to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors at 854 HWY 90, Bay St. Louis, MS.

The BID SCHEDULE may be viewed utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) website at https://mspcp.com/mspcp.com).

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of the funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, neither MDEQ nor Treasury, or any of their agents, representatives, or employees, is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. Further, any contractor awarded a contract under this Invitation for Bids shall not be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee, or servant of MDEQ or Treasury.

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid

on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

Electronic bids can be submitted at www.neel-schafferplans.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to award the Contract to serve the best interest of Owner.

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

By: Scotty Adam, President

Date:
Publish in the Sea Coast Echo
On 05/30/24 and 06/06/24

SECTION 001113
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BID NO. 2024-006

FROM:
1.01 THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD):
A. City of Diamondhead
B. Address:
a. 5000 Diamondhead Circle
a. Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
1.02 AND THE ENGINEER (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ENGINEER):
A. Machado Patano & MIP Design Group
B. Address:
a. 918 Howard Avenue, Suite F
a. Biloxi, MS 39530
a. Phone: 228-388-1950
1. Fax: 228-388-1971
2. Web Site: www.mpdesign-group.us
3. Plan Room: www.mpdesign-groupplans.us
1.03TO:POTENTIAL BIDDERS
A. Your firm is invited to submit an offer under seal to City of Diamondhead for drainage infrastructure improvements located at:

a. On or Near Hilo Way
b. Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
1. Before 11:30 am local standard time on the 28th Day of June, 2024, for:
B. Project Name: Diamondhead Drainage Improvements
C. Project Number: 0275.23.001
D. Project Description: This project consists of, but is not limited to, the removal and replacement of storm drainage infrastructure at (4) project locations.
E. Plans and specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

F. Bidders will be required to provide Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Amount or a certified check for a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Amount.
G. Refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.
H. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate.
I. If Bids are mailed or hand delivered, then they must be contained in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the project name. They must be on file as received or delivered by the time stated above to the address of the Owner stated above. Do not deliver Bids to the project address or the Architect's address.
J. Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within the contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly Diamondhead Drainage Improvements Bid No. 2024-006 and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his Name, his Address, and his Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed in writing to Ben Sellers at bsellers@mpdesigngroup.us.

An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.
K. Bids in excess of \$50,000.00 must be marked on the outside of the envelope with the contractor's Mississippi certificate

of responsibility number as issued by the Mississippi Board of Contractors.
L. Per the Mississippi Law, MS Code 31-3-21 (3); any bid submitted by a non-resident contractor which does not include the non-resident contractor's current state law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors, shall be rejected and not considered for award. If no such law exists in the non-resident contractor's state, then the non-resident contractor may provide statement to that effect.
M. Your offer will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.
N. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: JUDYTH H.
SCHUENGEL, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-187-JP

KAY J. SCHUENGEL, ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JUDYTH H. SCHUENGEL, DECEASED:

You have been made parties respondent in the above cause, filed in the Court by KAY J. SCHUENGEL, seeking to establish the heirs-at-law of JUDYTH H. SCHUENGEL, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of July, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 22nd day of May, 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN,
Chancery Clerk

Hancock County Mississippi
Post Office Box 429
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

By: s/Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK

PUBLISH ON: 5/30/2024;
6/06/2024; and 6/13/2024.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
KALAE DRAINAGE PROJECT
BID No. 2024-009

General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Kalae Drainage Project
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Friday, June 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, pipe removal and replacement, excavation of existing ditches, and excavation of a proposed ditch connecting Kalae Street and Koloa Street.
The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner. Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.ccellcplans.us
www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required)

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. If you have any questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly Kalae Drainage Project and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com or www.ccellcplans.us under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his/her Name, Address, and Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Covington Civil & Environmental, Sarah McLellan, P.E. 228-396-0486 or email sarah@ccellc.us. All questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing and must be received by the end of business 5:00 p.m. local time June 20, 2024. Questions submitted after this date will not be considered. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project has not been scheduled at this time; however, if a pre-bid conference is scheduled, all plan holders will be notified by addendum. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.
Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

The project is funded by ARPA/MCWI and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 5/30/2024 & 6/6/2024

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION

HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY ANDREA A. SANDERS AND KASEY WAYNE CREAMER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, ANDREA A. SANDERS PETITIONERS

VS.
CIVIL ACTION NO. CC24-0005T

LESLIE NICHOLE PITTS
MASSEY AND PHILLIP
SHANE CREAMER
RESPONDENTS

COUNTY COURT SUMMONS

TO: LESLIE NICHOLE PITTS MASSEY AND PHILLIP SHANE CREAMER, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose last known post office address is unknown to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services by Andrea A. Sanders, Commissioner, and, Kasey Wayne Creamer, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said Minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said Minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 28th day of June 2024, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a

Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 17 day of May, 2024.

KENDRA NECAISE, CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520
BY: V LADNER D.C.
Deputy Clerk
Lanie R. Roussel, MSB #105488
Special Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 402
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
Email: Lanie.Roussel@ago.ms.gov

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
KOLO COURT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
BID NO. 2024-008

General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Kolo Court Drainage Improvements
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Friday, June 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, pipe removal and replacement, ditch excavation, and restoration of an existing ditch.
The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Three and Fifty Dollars (\$350) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner.
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Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project has not been scheduled at this time; however, if a pre-bid conference is scheduled, all plan holders will be notified by

addendum. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met. The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.
The project is funded by ARPA/MCWI and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 5/30/2024 & 6/6/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA DEAN BYNUM
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-00208-MA

RUTH CHRISTINE BYNUM
PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of May, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, on the Estate of Linda Dean Bynum, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 18th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Ruth Christine Bynum

Ruth Christine Bynum, Executrix of the Estate of Linda Dean Bynum, deceased

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER:
Stephen F. Broadus (MS Bar No. 105289)
Melanie B. Mitchell (MS Bar No. 106319)
Madison S. Seymour (MS Bar No. 106690)

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Publish: Sea Coast Echo
May 23, 2024; May 30, 2024; June 6, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIE B. GIBSON

A/K/A LAURA MARIE GIBSON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-276-JP

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MARIE B. GIBSON A/K/A LAURA MARIE GIBSON

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of May, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Marie B. Gibson a/k/a Laura Marie Gibson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 20th day of May, A.D., 2024.

s/THOMAS GENE GIBSON, JR., EXECUTOR

Caroline E. Haas
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Publish: 5/23/2024; 5/30/2024; 6/6/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.:24-264 (1)
CRYSTAL M. FLICKINGER, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 3rd day of May 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of MARY L. BRAKEBILL, Deceased. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
This, the 10th day of May 2024.

/s/ CRYSTAL M. FLICKINGER
CRYSTAL M. FLICKINGER
Executrix of the Estate of Mary L. Brakebill, Deceased

Publication Dates:
5/16/2024, 5/23/2024, and 5/30/2024

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of March, 2011, Mesha T. Van Buren a/k/a Mesha T. Van Buren Robert and Christopher Van Buren (the Borrowers) executed that certain Deed of Trust in favor of Preston J. Mauffray, Trustee, for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2011 at Page 3712 (the Deed of Trust); and

WHEREAS, the above-described Deed of Trust is subordinate to that certain Deed of Trust executed by Mesha T. Van Buren a/k/a Mesha T. Van Buren Robert and Christopher Van Buren on March 2, 2011, in favor of Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area, Inc., which said Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2011 at Page 3702; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland, Inc., as holder of said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted P. Ann Bailey as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated the 23rd day of May, 2018, and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2018 at Page 10788; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions set forth by said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property therein described in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorneys fees, trustees fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, P. Ann Bailey, Substituted Trustee of said Deed of Trust will on the 14th day of June, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 13, VALPINE SUBDIVISION, Phase 4A, Rear Third Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this the 20th day of May, 2024.

/s/ P. Ann Bailey
P. Ann Bailey, Substituted Trustee

Prepared by:
P. Ann Bailey, Esq.
Balch & Bingham, LLP
1310 Twenty-Fifth Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 864-9900

Publish: Sea Coast Echo
May 23, 2024; May 30, 2024; June 6, 2024; June 13, 2024

Notice of Public Workshop

The City of Waveland will hold a public workshop on June 13, 2024 at 11:00am at the City Hall Board Room located at 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576. The following items will be discussed: 1) Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), which is required by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program; 2) Community Rating System (CRS) for FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Contractors, developers and the general public are invited to attend to learn about these programs.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: OWEN THOMAS BOURGEOIS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-149-CB

KAREN BOURGEOIS, ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned as Administratrix of the Estate of OWEN THOMAS BOURGEOIS, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on or about the 14th day of May, 2024, in the above styled and numbered cause, in said Court; and notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and that failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the same.

THIS, the this the 17th day of May, 2024.

s/Karen Bourgeois
KAREN BOURGEOIS, Administratrix

Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
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PUBLISH ON: 5/23/2024; 5/30/2024; and 6/06/2024.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN LEARD, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-00267-CB

Notice to Creditors

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 17th day of May, 2024 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Patricia Ann Leard, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for Probate and Registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.
This, the 22nd day of May, 2024.

RACHEL GARCIA, Executor of the Estate of Patricia Ann Leard, Deceased

Prepared by:
s/ John S. Grant IV

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRSHIP OF PEGGY COLLIGNON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-cv-547-CB

DERRICK PETERSON, ROBIN PETERSON and JESSICA SULLIVAN
PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF PEGGY COLLIGNON, DECEASED
RESPONDENTS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
SUMMONS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF PEGGY COLLIGNON, DECEASED

You have been made Defendants in the petition filed in this Court by Derrick Peterson, Robin Peterson and Jessica Sullivan. Defendants other than you in this action are none.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of July, 2024 in the Chancery Courtroom of the First Judicial District Courthouse of Harrison County at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 17th day of June, 2024

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi
By: Ashley Holland, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD JOSEPH BONCK, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00007-JP

JOSH MOTT, PETITIONER

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 25th day of March, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Ronald Joseph Bonck, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 23rd day of May, 2024.

s/RONALD JOSEPH BONCK

PUBLISH: May 23, 2024, May 30, 2024, June 6, 2024

File: MS21597
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1991, Susan M. Quintini executed a certain Deed of Trust to Frank W. Niemeyer, Jr., Trustee for the use and benefit of United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on July 9, 1991, in Deed of Trust Book 354, Page 112-115. WHEREAS, United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerks Office on May 14, 2024 in Deed of Trust Book 2024, in Page 10380-10381; and WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on June 18, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit: Lots 38, 39, and 40, Block 55 of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's Subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on April 27, 1897.

More commonly known as: 425 7th Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
Substituted Trustee
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35242
(801) 355-2886

Publication dates: May 23, 2024, May 30, 2024, June 6, 2024, June 13, 2024

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, effective as of September 17, 2020, Sydney & Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company (the "Borrower") executed that certain Mississippi Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") to Caroline E. Haas, as trustee (the "Original Trustee"), for the use and benefit of Patch of Land Lending, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Original Lender"), which instrument was recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi (the Recording Office) on September 21, 2020, at Deed of Trust Book 2020, Page 24138; and, WHEREAS, as of November 19, 2020, Original Lender executed that certain Assignment of Mississippi Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement (the "Assignment") thereby assigning all right, title, and interest in the Deed of Trust and related loan documents to Toorak Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Beneficiary"), which instrument was recorded in the Recording Office on December 7, 2020, at Deed of Trust Book 2020, Page 32049; and, WHEREAS, effective as of April 17, 2024, pursuant to that certain Substitution of Trustee (the "Trustee Substitution"), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on April 22, 2024, at Deed of Trust Book 2024, Page 8133, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as

Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi (the "Premises"), to-wit:

REAL PROPERTY
Beginning at an iron bolt for the Northwest corner of the intersection of Dunbar Avenue and Felicity Street; thence North 69° 50' West 261.30 feet, more or less, along the North margin of Felicity Street to an iron bolt set at the Southeast corner of property conveyed by Caroline Kiefer to Clyde Ladner, et ux, on January 31, 1964 by deed recorded in Book Q-2, page 271, Hancock County Deed Records, and which property was subsequently conveyed by Clyde Ladner, et ux to MaMac, Inc. by deed dated June 10, 1965 and recorded in Book R-7, page 157, said Deed Records; thence running North along the East line of MaMac property 191.15 feet, more or less, along a line parallel to the West Corporate line of the City of Bay St. Louis to an iron bolt set on a line for the common boundary between Lots 147 and 148; thence South 70° East 191.98 feet along the aforesaid line for the common boundary between Lots 147 and 148 to an iron bolt set on the West margin of Dunbar Avenue; thence along the arc of the West margin of Dunbar Avenue, which arc has a chord running South 16° 46' East a distance of 225.12 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lots 148, 154, 155, First Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the official plat of said City made by E. S. Drake, C.E., and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi; together with all singular the rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Substituted Trustee will on the same date and at the same time and place, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-604 and 9-610 of the Uniform Commercial Code (Sections 75-9-604 and 75-9-610 of the Mississippi Code), all of Borrower's right, title and interest in the following described personal property that may be located upon the Premises and/or may exist in association with Borrower's use and enjoyment of the Premises, the Borrower having granted Beneficiary a security interest in said personal property pursuant to the Deed of Trust and/or other security instruments:

PERSONAL PROPERTY
All of Borrowers right, title and interest in and to any and all buildings, structures, improvements, fixtures, and appurtenances placed on the Premises, including, without limitation, all apparatus and equipment, whether or not physically affixed to the land or any building, which is used to provide or supply air cooling, air conditioning, heat, gas, water, light, power, refrigeration, ventilation, laundry, drying, dish washing, garbage disposal, or other services; and all elevators, escalators, and related machinery and equipment, fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus, security and access control apparatus, partitions, ducts, compressors, plumbing, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, disposals, washers, dryers, awnings, storm windows, storm doors, screens, blinds, shades, curtains, curtain rods, mirrors, cabinets, paneling, rugs, attached floor coverings, furniture, pictures, antennas, pools, spas, pool and spa operation and maintenance equipment and apparatus, and trees and plants located on the Premises, including replacements and additions (collectively, the "Improvements"); and,

All of the right, title and interest of Borrower in and to all tangible and intangible personal property, including, but not limited to, all water rights of whatever kind or character, surface or underground, appropriative, decreed, or vested, that are appurtenant to the Premises or otherwise used or useful in connection with the Premises (to the extent they may constitute personal property), all equipment, inventory, goods, consumer goods, accounts, chattel paper, instruments, money, general intangibles, letter-of-credit rights, deposit accounts, investment property, documents, minerals, crops and timber (as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code) that are located on, attached to, installed, placed, used on, in connection with, or are required for such attachment, installation, placement, or use on the Premises, the Improvements, fixtures, or on other goods located on the Premises or Improvements, together with all additions, accessions, accessories, amendments, modifications to the Premises or Improvements, extensions, renewals, and enlargements and proceeds of the Premises or Improvements, substitutions for, and income and profits from, the Premises or the Improvements, including but not limited to, all goods, machinery, tools, equipment (including fire sprinklers and alarm systems); vehicle maintenance and repair equipment; office furniture (including tables, chairs, planters, desks, sofas, shelves, lockers, and cabinets); safes, furnishings, appliances (including ice-making machines, refrigerators, fans, water heaters, and incinerators); rugs, carpets, other floor coverings, draperies, drapery rods and brackets, awnings, window shades, venetian blinds, curtains, other window coverings; lamps, chandeliers, other lighting fixtures; office maintenance and other supplies; loan commitments, financing arrangements, bonds, construction contracts, leases, tenants security deposits, licenses, permits, sales contracts, option contracts, lease contracts, insurance policies, proceeds from policies, plans, specifications, surveys, books, records, funds, bank deposits; and all other intangible personal property; and any other portion or items of the Premises that constitutes personal property under the Uniform Commercial Code; and,

All right, title, and interest of Borrower in and to all materials, supplies, equipment, apparatus, and other items attached to, installed on or in the Premises or the Improvements, or that in some fashion are deemed to be fixtures to the Premises or Improvements under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and,

Any and all leases, subleases, licenses, concessions, or other agreements (written or verbal) that grant a possessory interest in and to, or the right to extract, mine, reside in, sell, or use the Premises, and all other agreements, including but not limited to utility contracts, maintenance agreements, and service contracts that in any way relate to the use, occupancy, operation, maintenance, enjoyment, or ownership of the Premises; and,

All rents, issues, revenues, income, proceeds, royalties, profits, license fees, prepaid municipal and utility fees, bonds, and other benefits to which Borrower may be entitled from or which are derived from the Premises; and,

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MAY 30

- Three day multi-family yard sale, May 30 to June 1, at 16415 Hwy. 603 in Kiln. (Formerly Kiln Body Shop). Brand new toys, men’s, women’s and children’s clothing from infant to 5x, furniture, exercise equipment, household items, antiques, bedding. Times are from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. all three days.
- Encaustic class with Shannon Mello, hosted by The Arts Hancock County. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (appropriate for ages 14 and up). View class details at www.hancockarts.org. Encaustic is a painting process that uses beeswax and tree resin and melts them into layers. In this four hour session, Mello will not only teach you the basics of encaustic, but you’ll also get to dig up the different materials used within the medium. You’ll walk away with a practice piece, a 6”x6” panel and an 8”x8” cradled panel ready to hang. All necessary art supplies and beverages and a light snack supplied by instructor.
- Mt. Chapel Baptist Church Outreach Ministry partners with Feeding America. The entire food truck is free to the community from 10 a.m. until

gone on Hwy. 90 across from the Circle K in the big parking lot in Waveland.

JUNE 7

- Benefit yard sale with baked goods for Richard and Tonya Chatman will be held on June 7-8 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 616 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland. Donations needed. Contact to pick up items or for drop off location: Melissa Richardson - 228-304-1499 or Debbie Martin at 985-373-0206. Pre order food: Venmo @Melissa-Richardson-106. Pulled pork sandwich with dessert: \$10. Pies: Apple is \$25 and Pecan is \$30.
- Painting the Landscape in Pastel with Vicki Lueb, June 7, 8, and 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In this three-day studio workshop for adults, students will learn the essentials for creating successful paintings in pastel. View details and register at <https://www.hancockarts.org>. Instruction emphasizes value and temperature as keys to success. Students will learn underpainting methods to help “nail the values.” Each morning will start with a demonstration, after which, students will work from their own reference photos. There will be plenty of individual

instruction/assistance at each student’s easel. This workshop is best suited to students who have had at least some experience with pastels.

- Cedric Burnside returns to the 100 Men Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 online and \$30 at the door. There will be food for purchase by Big Boyz BBQ and a cash/credit bar. For an additional fee, you could reserve a table, but all guests require a ticket to get. For more information, visit www.100menhall.com.

JUNE 8

- Come out and shoot some hoops at MLK Park on Washington Street in Bay St. Louis from 3 to 5 p.m. Ages 17-21. If you will be 18 years of age before the Nov. 5 Voting Day, you may enter the free throw register to vote contest. Prize is \$25 cash. Male and female. Sponsored by the Hancock County NAACP. Water and snacks provided.

JUNE 9

- Blues Brunch at the 100 Men Hall, located at 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis, featuring D.K. Harrell from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and go up at the door if not sold out. This show is an Alligator Mike Promotion. Food for

purchase by Chef Gene Coia along with a cash/credit bar. Tickets can be purchased at www.100menhall.com.

JUNE 13

- Join us for a discussion on “Inflation and my Paycheck” on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Democratic office at Froegels Shopping Center on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. Speaker is Patrick Martinez, a financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services. Guests are welcome. For more information, please call Sandy Reese at 228-332-0090.

JUNE 14

- Juneteenth celebration. Come out for a family-friendly Friday afternoon/evening from 3 to 8 pm., of food, music, play areas for kids, and booths to begin the celebration of Juneteenth in Waveland at MLK Park, located at 442 Herlihy St. To set up food/vendor or game/information booths, contact Erlene Washington at 228-363-4545 or Clarence Harris at 228-343-1174. Purchase T.V. or \$1,000 prize raffle tickets from any Helping Hands member.
- The Arts Hancock County is hosting Color Theory for Beginning Oil Painter with Carisa Mitchell on June 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Class fee: \$229 for members and \$252 for not-yet members. In this entry-level oil painting workshop, you’ll be exploring the

fundamentals of color theory, which is “both the science and art of using color. It explains how humans perceive color; and the visual effects of how colors mix, match or contrast with each other. It also involved the messages colors communicate, and the methods used to replicate color. Learn more and register for class at www.hancockarts.org.

JUNE 15

- Juneteenth celebration continues today with a family-friendly afternoon/evening from 3 to 8 p.m. of food, music, play areas for kids, including chess, and vendors/informational booths with program and raffle drawing for a T.V. and \$1,000 prize. The event is being held at MLK Park, located at 442 Herlihy St., Waveland. For information on food/vendor or game/information booths, contact Erlene Washington at 228-263-4545 or Clarence Harris at 228-343-1174. Purchase T.V. or \$1,000 prize raffle tickets from any Helping Hands member.
- Post 77 American Legion, located at 503 Waveland Ave., will host its 2nd annual open car/truck/Jeep show. Dash plaques for first 60 registered vehicles. Registration \$25 day of show 8 a.m. to noon. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with awards at 2 p.m. Top 40 cars, top five trucks, five specialty awards, five Jeep awards, 50/50, music,

and food. All proceeds to support Post 77 and Unit 77 programs. For more information, contact Charlene Dahl at 228-305-0542.

JUNE 17

- St. Stanislaus is hosting a baseball skills camp for boys and girls aged 5 to 10. The camp will focus on teaching the fundamentals of baseball, including hitting, fielding, throwing, position play, and base running. The camp will be led by Brad Corley, the varsity baseball coach, and his team. The camp will be held from Monday, June 17 to Thursday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information and to register, visit ststan.com/athletics/rock-camp/

JUNE 21

- The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents the final performance of the season “A Ma for all Seasons” by Robert Bolt. This is the first time the show has been presented in any of the coastal theaters. This show won the Tony award for Best Play and the Oscar award for Best Picture. The story is the real life depiction of Sir Thomas More and his conflict with King Henry VIII. Because of his courage and steadfast convictions, he was beheaded and later canonized as a saint. Fast paced, period costumes. Show dates are June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30. Call 228-467-9024 or go to www.bsllt.com for details and reservations.

HANCOCK OFFERS SPECIALTY BASEBALL CAMPS

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock Hawks baseball coaching staff will offer specialty baseball camps in early June. The Overall Skills Camp is set for June 3 to June 5 at the Hancock Hawks baseball

field. The camp will run daily from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to campers age five and older. Overall skills in fielding, throwing, and hitting will take place from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Games and competitions will be held from 12:30 p.m.

until 2 p.m. Campers may bring their lunch or purchase lunch from the concession stand. The cost of the camp is \$90 per camper. A pitcher/catcher and hitting camp will be held at the Hancock Hawks baseball field June 10-11 for campers age 7-14. The pitcher/catcher

camp will take place from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. and the hitting camp will be held from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Campers who are involved in both camps can bring their lunch or purchase lunch from the concession stand. The cost of the pitcher/catcher camp is \$60 and the hitting

camp is \$40. For more information on the camps, please contact Hancock head coach Anthony DeWitt at 228-234-6526. Registration for the camps will take place at 8:15 a.m.

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time. Mayor Mike Favre presented a preliminary plan to the council at last week’s meeting, but councilmen decided to table discussion on it until they studied the new ward lines more carefully. The council is scheduled to revisit the new ward map at its June 4 meeting. In other action last week, the council heard from Bay homeowners Tami Curtis Guy and April Byrd. The Guy and Byrd families are the only two families in the state of Mississippi that have been approved for the Swift Current Grant Initiative program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Swift Grants were made available to home-

owners who have “repetitive loss” properties that are insured through the National Flood Insurance Program, meaning that they have been flooded at least twice. Although hundreds of the grants have been issued in other states that have had storm loss, such as New Jersey and Louisiana, none have actually been administered in the state of Mississippi. The program is intended to help fund elevation of repetitive loss homes. Guy was notified in May 2023 that her property qualified for a Swift Current grant of \$142,978 to help raise her home. Byrd was qualified for a grant of \$162,300. However, the way the grant program is set up, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) becomes the recipient of the grant, and the localities — in this case, the

city of Bay St. Louis — become the sub-recipient, in charge of making sure the homeowners get the grant and all legal avenues are followed. Both Harrison and Pearl River counties opted out of the program, as did the city of Biloxi. Bay St. Louis city officials have said they want to help Guy and Byrd get their grants, but there are multiple questions to be answered first, and there are a lot of legal hoops they have to jump through. While FEMA totals show the state of Mississippi has 5,995 properties that would qualify for the grants, Guy and Byrd are the only homeowners who have qualified for them. Guy said that’s because she worked very diligently over the course of the past two-and-a-half years to carefully go through the system and make sure they did ev-

erything correctly. “There have been countless hurdles to overcome since we discovered this grant in November of 2021,” Guy told the council in a letter. “It became a full time job on top of continuing regular work and daily living, as well. But, leaping those hurdles and almost 3,350 pages of forms, emails and documents later, our home, as well as the one of April Byrd’s, received award letters from FEMA and MEMA. “Then roadblocks with how to proceed with the project naming the city of BSL as the sub applicant stalled everything until Rep. Tim Ladner wrote legislation that would give BSL the authority to move forward without concern of conflict with MS Constitution section 66. This was finalized with the signature of Gov. Tate Reeves on May 13.”

Guy said that Ladner’s legislation “puts the burden and the true financial focus on the homeowners, while allowing the city to be the guardian at the gate. ... Everything to safeguard the city from being on the financial hook with this grant has been done. ...” However, councilmen told Guy last week that there are still some hold-ups. “It still makes Bay St. Louis the responsible party, so if homeowners don’t do something properly and don’t get reimbursed ... it’s the city of Bay St. Louis’s fault,” city attorney Heather Smith said. “We’re trying to figure out how to take the burden off the city of Bay St. Louis ... so the city of Bay St. Louis is safe and the homeowners are safe.” Smith said that the city would also have to go out for contractor

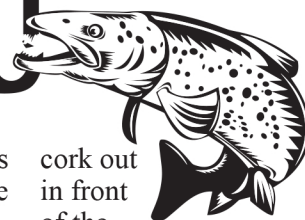
bids on the work, in order to comply with state law, yet Guy and Byrd already have a contractor set up to do the work. “As of last week’s meeting, we kind of left it that we’re actively trying to find a grant administrator,” Reso said Tuesday. “We’re still concerned about, are we using general fund dollars? Do we get reimbursed? Or does the homeowner front the money and we reimburse the homeowner? And these valuations that were put into these grant allocations were done three years ago. Are those valuations still valid? Because there’s been a thing called inflation and rising costs, so we have to see if there’s still enough.” Reso said the city wants to help the homeowners, but “we have to follow state laws. Hopefully, we’ll have some news for them soon.”

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THE DRIVE THRU MENU



BY **SONNY SCHINDLER**
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Jerry Sinnott has been fishing with us for 10 years now. The Duluth Minnesota native comes with his company every year for their corporate work trip. In the literal decade Jerry has been joining us at Cat Island, I would be willing to wager you could count the times he has actually fished on one hand (with out using a thumb). Jerry is content hanging out at the island house, enjoying the scenery, and mostly working on his computer.

One fun fact about our buddy Jerry, is that he pretty much only eats hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza basically fast food. Jerry is tall and lean, knows what he likes, and is very easy to please. He

gets constant jabs about only eating at restaurants

an early flight out. I brought the guys back to

weather was very nice. I ran upstairs and there

Jerry grinned, closed his laptop and said, "I'll be down in 5 minutes".

Our dear friend Bill Cash, and new guy Randy See jumped in the boat also. We cruised the interior canals of the island. We watched the green herons and Ospreys put on a show. All the while, we could Captains Kenny and Keith's boats joking on the radio. They were fishing near the house and catching a few trout. I knew it was coming, and Mr Bill finally suggested, "Jerry you wanna go mess with the other boats"? Jerry just grinned and said, "sure, why not".

A 2 minute boat ride put us within shouting distance of the other boats. Cheers erupted when everyone saw Jerry on the bow slinging a popping

cork out in front of the boat. The first and second casts got hits, but Jerry missed the fish. The third cast yielded a huge speckled trout. Everyone had pretty much stopped fishing, and was just enjoying the moment of watching Jerry fight the fish. It was pandemonium when Jerry landed the big trout. He casted twice more and got 1 more big trout.

We took a few pics, iced down the fish and Jerry said, "that's all I wanted, let's quit while we're ahead".

We caught plenty of fish in that trip, but those 2 trout on the "drive thru" were the most memorable.



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Randy See, Bill Cash and Jerry Sinnott with another nice "drive thru" trout.

with "drive thru" windows.

On the last afternoon of multi day trip, some of our guys had to catch

the house in preparation for their shuttle back to the mainland. There was still a couple of hours of daylight left and the

was Jerry, working on his computer. I walked up and asked him, "man the weathers nice, you wanna take a cruise".

HANCOCK COUNTY PUT ITS STAMP ON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS — DURING THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR —

BY **JOSEPH W. GEX II**
STAFF WRITER

The high school athletic scene in Mississippi got a full dose of Hancock County and its four high schools during the academic school year. From August through May, those that were not familiar with Hancock County got all they wanted and more from outstanding team performances and mesmerizing individual displays of talent.

BAY HIGH SCHOOL

The Tigers had a wildly successful year winning four division titles and one state championship in Class 4A.

In football, the Tigers advanced as a four-seed to the state playoffs. On the volleyball court, the Lady Tigers were a two-seed and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

On the basketball court, the Lady Tigers won the Division 8-4A title and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs while the boys team finished as a four-seed and advanced to the postseason.

On the soccer field, the Tigers watched their most successful program of the year eliminate opponents. The Lady Tigers won the Division 8-4A title and advanced to the Class 4A South State title game before falling to Sumrall which won the state title. The boys team also won the Division 8-4A title, the Class 4A South State title, and successfully defended their Class 4A state championship.

On the baseball diamond, the Tigers won their first Division 8-4A title since 2005 and advanced to the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs. On the softball diamond, the

Lady Tigers advanced as the four-seed and made the third round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

On the tennis court, the Tigers advanced as the three-seed from the division tournament and made it to the second round of the state playoffs.

On the track, the Tigers brought home four medals. The boys team placed 12th out of 27 teams and earned a silver medal in the shotput and a bronze medal in discus. The Lady Tigers finished 18th out of 27 teams and brought home bronze medals in the 1600m and the pole vault.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Hawks accomplished some great things this year but did not bring home as many state titles as they would have wanted. However, they accomplished one feat that had previously not been accomplished and that is the Hawks had representation in the postseason of every sport the school sponsors. In total, the Hawks claimed two state titles.

On the gridiron, the Hawks entered the postseason as the four-seed and played in the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs.

On the volleyball court, the Lady Hawks won the Class 6A South State title and advanced to the state finals.

On the cross country trails, the boys placed 11th overall in Class 6A and in the pool the Hawks were 12th in Class II and the Lady Hawks were 11th overall.

On the links, the Hawks finished as the Class 6A state runner-up while the Lady Hawks won the Class 6A state championship.

On the hardwood, the

Hawks placed fourth in the Region 4-6A tournament and advanced to the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs. The Lady Hawks won the Region 4-6A title, spent time as the top-ranked girls team in Mississippi and advanced to the Class 6A Final Four. The Lady Hawks had just two losses all season - the national #12-ranked Hoover (AL) team and the eventual Class 6A state champion Neshoba Central.

On the soccer field, the Lady Hawks advanced to the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs as the four-seed while the Hawks advanced to the first round as the three-seed from Region 4.

On the lanes, the Lady Hawks finished as the Class 6A state runner-up in bowling and the Hawks won the Class 6A state title.

On the baseball diamond, the Hawks entered the postseason as the three-seed and advanced to the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs. On the softball diamond, the Lady Hawks entered the postseason as the two-seed, won the Class 6A South State title, and finished as Class 6A state runner-up.

On the tennis court, the Hawks did not advance as a team but did have participants in the individual state tournament.

On the track, the Lady Hawks finished 21st overall in Class 6A while the Hawks were 18th overall with a fifth place in the 110m hurdles.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents had representation in the postseason in six of the nine sports the school sponsors. OLA collected

three state championships during the year.

The Crescents started the year off for the area winning the Division 8-3A title, Class 3A South State title, and Class 3A state championship in volleyball. It was the school's 16th state championship in the sport giving the Crescents the most state championships in one sport in Mississippi history.

In the pool, the Crescents finished third overall in Class I.

On the soccer field, the Crescents advanced to the Class I South State championship game before stumbling.

The Crescents won the Class I state championship in golf for the second time in program history.

On the court, the Crescents combined with Saint Stanislaus to successfully defend their Class 3A state championship.

On the track, the Crescents placed 11th overall out of 28 teams and brought home a silver medal in the high jump and a bronze medal in the 4x200m relay.

SAINT STANISLAUS COLLEGE ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks also accomplished representation in the postseason in every sport the school sponsors. SSC brought home one state championship.

On the gridiron, the Rocks won the Division 8-3A title and advanced to the second round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

On the cross country trails, the Rocks finished the season sixth overall in Class 3A.

In the pool, SSC placed third overall in Class I while on the links the Rocks finished in fourth place overall in Class

3A.

On the basketball court, the Rocks placed third in the Division 8-3A tournament and advanced to the Class 3A state playoffs first round game.

On the soccer field, the Rocks won the Division 8-Class I title, the Class I South State title, and ended the season as the Class I state runner-up.

On the tennis court, the Rocks combined with OLA to successfully defend their Class 3A state championship.

On the baseball diamond, the Rocks finished second in the Division 8-3A standings and advanced to the second round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

On the track, the Rocks took four athletes to the state meet and finished eighth overall out of 26 teams and brought home a gold medal in the discus, a silver medal in the

discus and a bronze medal in the shotput.

It was a highly successful year for area student-athletes and teams. However, it is the end of another year and the end is part of the journey. Some student-athletes will go on and play at the next level while others will find different activities to occupy their time, and still others may enter the workforce. But, no matter what the next step may be, it will be the next step in the toughest game we play - the game of life.

Congratulations to all student-athletes, teams, and schools on yet another successful season on the gridiron, hardwood, pitch, or diamond. Until August when another athletic year begins - See you at the game!

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